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MARCONI BOSS SPEAKS OUT — p. 14 & 15

Imagination
the missing
ingredient:
Djordjevic

By ROGER SHERACK

Jovan Djordjevic, the new Blacktown Demon, is no newcomer to good soccer. Eleven times an amateur representative of Yugoslavia (Olympic selection) and once coached by the great Miljan Miljanic, he hopes to end his career in Australia.

He played for six years with the Yugoslav First Division team Napredak before coming to Australia and, according to Rale Rasic, is the "best player to come out of Yugoslavia in the past 10 years."

Djordjevic, voted best player on the ground in his first League outing against Brisbane Lions, is outspoken. During the past couple of months he was able to see at first hand the quality of Australian soccer, our players and the national team.

"I am pleasantly surprised by the standard," he said. "The physical side of the players on par with the best in the world. There are a lot of talented and skilful young players about but there is one ingredient that still has to come," said Djordjevic.

"Imagination in soccer is essential and I feel that in this department Australian players are way behind the world. A little bit of South American flair with the speed, enthusiasm and strength that is already at hand, and you would be looking towards better class of football."

"I get frustrated sometimes when I see players in tight situations panic. A little flick, short pass, or a more one-two is all that is necessary to get out of trouble at most times. But players I have seen so far tend to smack the ball anywhere as if they wish to get rid of it."

"But I believe that proper coaching will eventually bring success to Australian shores."

What of his coach, Rale Rasic?

"I knew his name for a long time. He is one of the recognised world coaching figures and his success with the Australian team in 1974 is still hailed as one of the biggest successes by small soccer nations. For that reason alone I was very pleased to come to Blacktown City."

"Rasic has an enormous capacity as a coach and manager to see his players' problems. He is constantly encouraging players and is a most astute tactician. He is definitely on an even keel with Miljan Miljanic and I should know — I was coached by both," said the new Demon.

DAVIDSON:

Our No. 1

Confidence:
'I'm as
good as
any player'

Older players reckon Alan Davidson's a big head. They resent his brashness. More to the point, they resent the remarkable progress made by the kid from Altona who, at the age of only 20, is regarded by many experts as Australia's No 1 soccer player.

National coach Rale Rasic hailed Davidson as the star of the Soccerex recent tour of Asia and Europe. Miroslav Blazovic, coach of Yugoslav team Dinamo Zagreb which drew 3-3 with Australia, described Davidson as "the complete player" and former Soccerex captain Johnny Warren says: "That boy is one hell of a talent."

Davidson has achieved such stature after only two years in top competition, with South Melbourne Helles in the nation-wide Phillips League. Move over, Tony Henderson, make way Peter Sharna, stand aside Gary Cole. It's the day of Davidson.

By Laurie Schwab

How fast he runs on high speed?

Talent, that's how — and he's not too shy to admit it. He's soccer's Muhammad Ali.

But without the confidence he wouldn't be what he is, he wouldn't dare take on the more senior stars whom he beats with such ease, he would think twice before setting off on those marauding raids up the left flank and he would be wary about holding the ball under pressure, waiting for teammates to stop packing and regroup.

His parents instilled in him the confidence that is now his stock in trade. "They always stood behind me when the chips were down," he says. "They had faith in me. When I was a kid and my confidence was down, it was they who pushed me to believe in myself. Some players play badly and it gets to them. With me, it makes me try harder. It makes me pull my finger out."

His parents are Contable Keith Davidson who joined the Victorian Police Force four years ago after being a welder for most of his life, and his Japanese wife Kazuko. They met in Kure, Japan, where Keith was stationed from 1949 to 1952 at the naval depot.

World Cup:
'We must
pull our
fingers out

NEAR Commonwealth House Alan's original features.

"They always say I'm over-confident," says Alan, "but you have to believe in yourself, and you have to follow up that belief with words and action. When I first played senior representative football, I felt a bit inferior because I didn't have the experience, but now I can look at any player in Australia and say: 'I'm as good as he is, maybe better. I can do anything any other player can do, although obviously I couldn't compete with Edulis Krnecic in the air, for example.'"

Davidson had his problems when he joined the revered Helles club from Little Altona City in early 1979. He was the new young kid, the one to be teased around.

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★ ALAN DAVIDSON

From page one

"I'm playing on the same side of the field as Branko Buljevic, who's done it all," he recalls.

"He hollers at me, tells me off, orders me around. Then I decide I'm not taking it any more. I start hollering back, telling him he's not following his man, not doing his job. I stand up for myself. Now we're the best of mates. Course, they still tell me off if I do the wrong thing — especially Alun Evans the captain, but I do the same to them."

He found it necessary to stand up for himself in a similar way during the Socceroos' tour late last year. It happened after a training session in England.

"We finish up and Murray Barnes, the captain, tells me to carry out the training balls," Davidson says. "I say sure,

'Hellas will win title'

Kosmina should come back, says Davidson

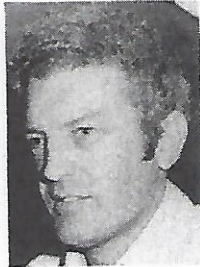


Al Grassby: Where are you now?

I'll carry the balls if you clean my boots. I would have picked up the balls anyway, but I don't like being ordered around."

What does he say to the suggestion he may be the best player in Australia today?

"I'd say thanks. But a week later I could be the worst. It all depends on form. If you keep playing well, you can afford to be confident. What can they say? But if you lose form,



Sports Minister Brian Dixon: Let's have more help.

they could come down on you like a ton of bricks. Maybe consistency is better than brilliance."

In Davidson's opinion, who is the best player in Australia?

"Gary Byrne of Marconi," he answers after a bit of thought.

"He seems to be able to control a game. He's an outlet. You give him the ball when things get tight and he'll solve the problems."

Davidson intends to try his luck overseas — probably England — and later on he wants to coach — "become the Ron Barassi of soccer."

But first he wants to make sure Australia qualifies for the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain and that Hellas wins the Phillips League championship. He also demands that soccer is finally given a square deal by the governments and the media which, he claims, are trying to hold the sport back.

HELLAS

About Hellas' chances, he says: "We'll win the championship because we've now got two players who can control the game in midfield — Jim Shirra and John Stevenson. Also we've got depth now, so the players have to give everything. We're carrying no-one this year, as John Margaritis has made clear with his fines so far. It will be no Mickey Mouse year."

About our World Cup chances, he says with typical bravado: "Forget all the blame they're trying to put on Rudi Gutendorf. That's all rubbish. We've got the players to make it. It's up to us to pull our fingers out. Let's stop looking for excuses. Defensively we have the players to keep it tight. Now we have to work out our attack. I'd like to see John Kosmina coming back into the squad. He's played for Australia before, and he had top soccer with Arsenal in England."

But Australian soccer could be much better with more support from the right quarters, he says.

"Yeah, especially the Minister for Sport," says Keith Davidson, joining the conversation. "How much government money does Aussie Rules get in comparison with soccer?"

SCARED?

"Australian soccer could be top-class. Australia could have a sport to be proud of internationally if we had the backing of the government and the media," Alan continues. "At the moment, everyone knocks soccer so as to preserve Aussie Rules. We represent this country all over the world, yet they kick us in the pants or they ignore us altogether."

"Are people scared of soccer, plain ignorant or do they think soccer's an inferior game? We get 10,000 to 20,000 people at Hellas matches yet the media practically ignores us."

Keith: "Look at the papers — six pages of Aussie Rules and one column on soccer. It's bloody shocking."

Alan: "At least we've got Channel O now — but the papers even hide the Channel O programme. They don't run it with the programmes of the other channels."

He's also angry about the Australian Soccer Federation's directive that clubs must drop ethnic names and that clubs in the Phillips League must adopt American-type nicknames like Gunners, Raiders, Giants, and Hawks.

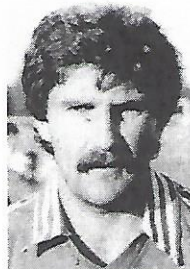
"It's a good case for Al Grassby to look into," he says. "The supporters want to keep names like Hellas, Croatia, Juventus,



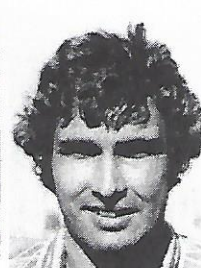
Who's Australia's best player? Gary Byrne (left) of Marconi, says Davidson. Also pictured are Ivo Prskalo and Footscray's Mirko Rujevic (right).



Socceroo captain Murray Barnes (left) and Hellas star Branko Buljevic — Davidson was the new kid, but he stood up to both of them.



John Stevenson (left) and Jim Shirra — the midfielders who will power Hellas to the PSI title.



influence on his development, Davidson has no hesitation in naming Ian Hynds, the former Altona City star who coached Davidson from under 12s to reserves.

"He let me be myself," says Alan. "He said he wanted to leave the cheekiness in me. He said a lot of coaches kill the personalities of young players, and yet the top players all are a bit cocky. He used to mention Johnny Giles, Billy Bremner and Kevin Keegan, all of whom are quick with an answer."

In the year of the world youth championships, which are to be held in Australia in October, Davidson stands as an example to young players with ambition.

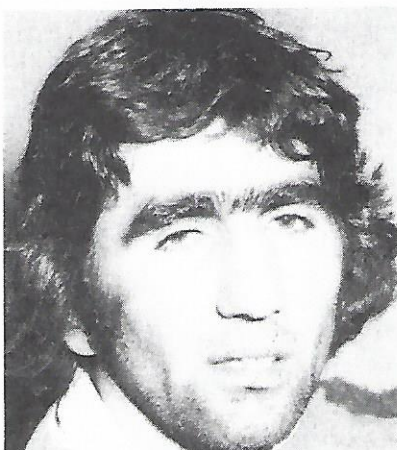
DIMITRIOU

It was at Altona East State that he switched from Aussie Rules to soccer at the age of nine. Fred Dimitriou, the Polonia player who was at high school at the time, coached Davidson's school team and Altona East became probably the foremost soccer school in the world.

"Generations of new soccer players are being produced by that school year by year," says Davidson. "There's been so many — Paul Petridis, Stan Lambrou, Ricky Li-parski, Con and Jimmy Dimitriou, Angelo Meletis, Joe Herman, Larry Ostrowski, Richard Plessa, Sammy Deluca. If I sat down for an hour, I'd come up with a hundred players."

The boys from Altona East have their own hero now. They aim to be like Alan Davidson, the kid from Freemans Road who has been to Paraguay, Israel, Indonesia, England, Hong Kong, Brazil, New Zealand, Fiji and Italy because soccer has opened up the world to him.

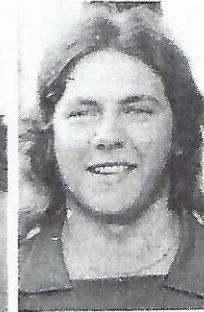
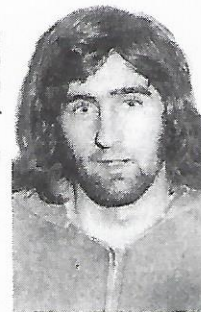
"On Monday nights, I get together with other old Altona East guys and we go down to the school to have a kick and to help out the local kids," he says. "Twenty or thirty of them crowd around as soon as we get there. It's a big kick for them and it's a big kick for us to be able to help them, to put a bit back, you know."



Fred Dimitriou of Polonia — he made Altona East State probably the foremost soccer school in the world.

the fans. How are the supporters supposed to identify with names like Raiders and Gladiators? In a few years time no-one will know which club is which."

Asked to name the coach who has had the greatest



Davidson is just one of the soccer products of Altona East State. Here are three more from left: Angelo Meletis (Heidelberg), Joe

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What can you teach us Rudi?

Rudi Gutendorf continues to complain that his players are not fit enough. He says, quite rightly, that it is the clubs' responsibility to make them fit.

On behalf of all coaches, allow me to ask you a few things, Rudi.

You have been here three years now, and if it was obvious to you that the players weren't fit enough, why didn't you do something about it?

Why didn't you set a suitable training programme for the PSL coaches to follow?

I've been looking to you since you arrived, hoping to learn something from your wealth of experience in the game.

However, I have yet to have the pleasure of seeing you working on physical conditioning, or conducting a session on technical and tactical preparation.

Instead, when I've attended training, I've seen the work of Vlasits, Corry, McKendry, Scheinflug, Baumgartner, Boggi, and others.

If the players are indeed unfit, Rudi, why don't you organise a seminar for all the PSL coaches and lecture us on your requirements. I'm sure the clubs would be delighted to send their coaches to such a seminar.

This would be much more constructive than continually criticising the club coaches for failing to have their players fit.

Frank Arok and Joe Venglos are in the country for a shorter time than you, Rudi, and they organised seminars on physical fitness and tactical preparation for top players.

I still have papers written by Venglos.

Your latest fitness-related criticism dealt with Tony Henderson and Eddie Kruevic. We need these players like gold. I saw Henderson tearing apart Sydney City in the charity game, so his poor form against South Melbourne was, I dare say, due to the intense heat.

You must know, Rudi, that the British players cannot stand the heat. Just ask Dixie Deans, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton and present players like Gary Cole (even though he has spent more time in Australia than he did in England).

I hope the heat of two weekends ago has dis-



RALE RASIC

couraged any talk of summer soccer. As Jimmy Rooney was quoted: "It's summer madness, not summer soccer."

Wolves, Arrows, Hawks, Gladiators — what the hell is going on?

Is that all the ASF marketing group could learn from the United States?

I spend two months there and I observed the expert way they market and promote the game. There are so many more significant things than nick-names.

Are we ashamed about the background of our clubs? Surely Arrows doesn't mean more to supporters than Canberra City.

It's simply confusing. The public must think we're developing new clubs every year.

What's wrong with the names selected when the PSL kicked off in 1977. They were sound and sensible. Our spectators will need 10 years to readjust to these silly nick-names.

How times change. In 1972 the Australian team tackled Pele's Santos after the players had assembled the previous night. Some even arrived at the motel the morning of the match. Now we hear complaints about insufficient preparation...

If ever there was the model sportsman, he must be Peter Freeman, the Blacktown goalkeeper.

He recently lost his father-in-law and his daughter was seriously ill, yet he still consented to help out his club by sitting on the bench during the match against Brisbane Lions.

To Peter and wife and family: I wish you happiness.

SIR ARTHUR WARNS OF BREAKAWAYS

New constitution for the ASF?

Soccer in the electronic age must be marketed through television as superior entertainment and, like toothpaste, must be packaged in a form that appeals to the masses.

So said ASF president Sir Arthur George at a dinner organised by Melbourne Soccer Club last week.

He said one of the hurdles soccer had to overcome was the traditionalists' loyalty to the past.

"Most of you live in a false world," he said.

You had Dinamo Zagreb playing here and you made a lot of money, but that is a declining market.

"Your children won't do things only because you did them. They'll do their own things."

"The traditional market in which you feel so comfortable will not grow and will not build up soccer."

Later, answering a question by Mr Julius Kubik of the Melbourne club who opposed the move against ethnic club names, Sir Arthur said:

"I'm not anti-ethnic. As a child I suffered intolerance of an intensity you will never know."

"I don't have to convince you to go to see a Hungarian club's games, because you are Hungarian, but you have to market the game to a wider audience, like you would market toothpaste."

"You have to use a club name that will attract a wider audience."

"Why keep the customers away? I know that intolerance is one of the reasons that people do not come. They don't like migrant names. Wrongly so, it matters to the other fellow. They see it as a migrant game."

Five-a-side complex

Provision will be made for five-a-side soccer in the proposed new sports complex on the site of the Melbourne Olympic pool, next to Olympic Park.

The Victorian Minister of Youth, Sport and Recreation, Brian Dixon, said the complex was planned as one of the venues for the 1988 Olympic Games which he hopes will be staged in Melbourne.

Mr Dixon was speaking at a dinner organised last week by Melbourne Soccer Club of which he is patron.

He told the gathering of about 80 that the Victorian Government had spent \$322,000 on soccer over the past five years.

This year \$37,400 had been allocated for the promotion and development of soccer and \$31,000 to the soccer grounds development fund.

"But if we don't take the game to the market place, there will be only 250 or even 50 people left at matches when you and I pass away. That is realism. The other is emotional patriotism."

Sir Arthur said: "Soccer will go in the eighties where we have the foresight to take it."

"The electronic media has transformed the sport from a pastime to an entertainment," he added.

"It thus competes with everything else on the box, so we must create in the viewer's minds the desire to turn the knob to soccer."

"We can do this only through management."

"The VFL might not be the big international sport we are, but I would change our management for theirs because they have learned the lesson of marketing and packaging."

They made \$1.2 million gross and \$850,000 net last year on licensing and associated marketing skills."

Sir Arthur said FIFA also had learned this lesson. Only 25% of the income from the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain would come from gates. The other 75% would be the

result of marketing and licensing, he said.

"The cost of soccer in this country is astronomical," he added.

"The 16 PSL clubs spent a total of \$44 million last year and got only a small fraction back at the gate."

"These costs cannot be raised in the traditional way. If we go the traditional way, we cannot make soccer big-time."

"Professional sport is a business and if we're going to be in that business, we've got to be the best, we have to make every goal a winning goal. That's the way the world is going."

Sir Arthur said full use had to be made of the vast number of junior players (422,000 nation-wide) and that he was pleased therefore that the national team included eight players who had developed their soccer here.

A national youth development programme was needed.

And this highlighted another mammoth problem in Australian soccer — sectionalisation.

He explained that at the moment the ASF is controlled by three votes



Sir Arthur George

from Victoria, three from NSW and one each from six other States and that the delegates represent State and metropolitan leagues.

No-one speaks for the juniors, amateurs, referees, the 18 universities or the women players.

"We must stop this sectionalisation of interests, and harness all of soccer under one umbrella, as one large family," he said.

Perhaps I will put you to the test very shortly by asking you to alter the constitution of the ASF."

He warned of possible breakaways if the present system is maintained. "The juniors could take off on their own as a separate body, and the amateurs too," he said.

The professionals could do the same, and the women, and also indoor soccer, which we hope to start soon."

"To stand still in the eighties is to go backwards," he added. "Progress is relative. If you don't move while others do, then you're moving backwards."

Sir Arthur asked the gathering of about 80 people at the dinner to consider the value of having the names on all junior players on a computer and offering those names to companies, in return for cash, to post advertising material. "We'd get a fortune for that alone," he said.

ASF loses \$25,000

ASF president Sir Arthur George said last week that the cancellation of the Socceroos' match against Nacional of Uruguay meant that the \$60,000 anticipated profit from the game had turned into a \$25,000 loss to the ASF.

By PAUL MOON

Zurich and Queensland before graduating into the New Zealand XI which opposed touring Hong Kong club side Jardines.

Unfortunately his international debut was not a success and it was seven years before Campbell again donned a New Zealand shirt.

In the interim he made five appearances for the national under-21 team and 11 for Auckland, including games against

distinguished tourists Dundee, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Hertha Berlin, Bristol Rovers, Glasgow Rangers and Manchester United.

Consistent and durable, the diminutive winger was ever-present throughout five successive National League seasons with Auckland clubs Blockhouse Bay and Eastern Suburbs.

A move to a third Auckland club, Mount Wellington, in 1976 was to prove the turning point of Campbell's career.

Surrounded by players of equal ability and under the astute coaching of John Houghton, his game improved dramatically and a return to international duty was inevitable.

Recalled for New Zealand in 1977, the Auckland made five appearances for his country that year, including World Cup eliminators against Taiwan and Australia.

Eleven more "caps" followed, to add to three National League Champions' medals, two Cup Winners' medals and the 1979 Auckland Player of the Year Award. Today he is rated amongst the finest wingers produced by New Zealand.

Unless a remarkable loss of form is suffered, Campbell — a creative and skilled performer — will add bite to the Wolves' attack.

Campbell adds bite to Wolves' attack

Star of Wollongong Wolves' squad for their initial Philips' Soccer League campaign is undoubtedly New Zealand international winger Clive Campbell.

After gaining North Island under-16 representative honours in 1968, Campbell burst into senior soccer two years later being a key member of the Blockhouse Bay team

which achieved a rare National League and Cup double.

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Marconi	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1:1	2
Footscray	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	2:4	2
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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets: the number of appearances in this team

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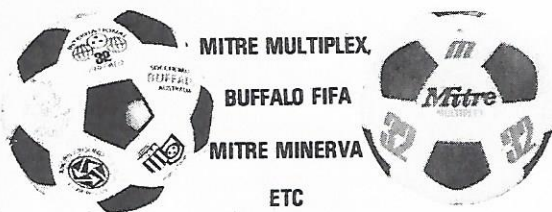
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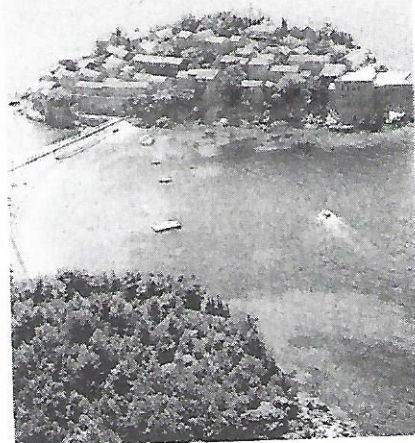
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* HEIDELBERG 0 WOLLONGONG 3 (McBreen, Morton, Dunlevy) at Olympic Park. Votes by Laurie Schwab:
6. C. Campbell (W), 5. Adams (W), 4. Lathan (W), 3. Rooney (H), 2. Dunlevy (W), 1. McBreen (W).
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8. Ilioski (F), 5. Jovanovic (F), 4. Kondorlos (F), 3. Kyriakoulous (F), 2. Simic (F), 1. O'Connor (L).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Lalng, Koussas) SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Christopoulos 2 Incl. pen) at Sydney Sports Ground. Votes by Tom Anderson:
6. Zeros (SO), 5. Rowden (SO), 4. V. Bannon (SM), 3. Davidson (SM), 2. Cork (SO), 1. Christopoulos (SM).
BRISBANE LIONS 0 NEWCASTLE KB 1 (Buckley) at Richlands. Votes by Bruce Waddell:
6. Reaney (N), 5. Ontong (BL), 4. Hemilton (BL), 3. Drinkwater (N), 2. Bertogna (N), 1. Millman (BL).
CANBERRA CITY 0 ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:
6. T. Byrne (AC), 5. Mitchell (AC), 4. Stark (C), 3. D. Cole (C), 2. Jones (AC), 1. Marshall (AC).
WEST ADELAIDE 2 (McGregor, Boyle) BLACKTOWN 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Meno Toutsidis:

6. Boyle (WA), 5. Bozanic (WA), 4. McGregor (WA), 3. Pollard (B), 2. McKie (WA), 1. Tymoczayn (WA).
SYDNEY CITY 1 (Boden Pen.) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Caldwell pen) at Sydney Sports Ground. Votes by Ted Smithies:
6. Perry (BC), 5. Barnes (SC), 4. Boden (SC), 3. Hamilton (BC), 2. Pimblett (BC), 1. Spanos (SC).
MARCONI 1 (Krnecic) PRESTON 0 at Marconi Stadium. Votes by Roger Sherracks:
6. Brown (P), 5. Maher (M), 4. Cullen (P), 3. Tomasich (M), 2. Petrovski (P), 1. Colusso (M).
Progress votes:
12. C. Campbell (W), T. Byrne (Canl).
10. Boyle (WA).
9. Hamilton (BL), Mitchell (AC).
8. Davidson (SM), Reaney (Newc).
6. Ilioski (F), Zeros (SO), Bertogna (Newc), Bozanic (WA), Perry (BC), Barnes (SC), Brown (P), Maher (M), Evans (SM), Coe (BC), Pezzano (SC), P. Wilson (L), Djordjevic (Black), McClelland (Newc).
Top scorers:
2. C. Campbell, McBreen (W), Hughes (L), McClelland, Buckley (Newc), Christopoulos (SM).

Xanthopoulos—Paton clash is decisive

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

South Melbourne and Heidelberg hate each other.

Just ask the players and supporters from either side.

It's not just a game when these sides clash, it's a battle with pride and prestige at stake.

Winning doesn't just mean good wages for the victorious players. The fans bet heavily on each clash and a rich fan is a happy fan.

There should be almost 10,000 fans at Middle Park this Sunday but there will be a few sad fans at the game's end. South Melbourne boasts its best-ever PSL line-up, there are not many clubs in Australia with men of the quality of Bertie Lutton, Duncan Cummings and George Christopoulos on the reserve bench as South Melbourne had in its opening PSL encounter against Marconi.

Heidelberg still is trying to adapt to the style of new coach Manny Poulakakis and without the injured Jim Tansey its fine PSL record against South Melbourne is seriously imperilled.

One of the crucial factors in this clash will be the Arthur Xanthopoulos-Jamie Paton clash.

Xanthopoulos struggled against Paton last year when forced to turn quickly. Paton is well aware of this in Xanthopoulos's armoury and is keen to exploit it.

If Xanthopoulos is relieved of his stopper's responsibilities and moved back to sweeper, Paton probably will push up onto him. How South Melbourne coach John Margaritis solves this dilemma could prove to be the decisive factor of the match.

Steve Blair has tagged Gary Cole before so he should be given the awesome task again. Blair seems to have the pace and concentration to make Cole's job difficult.

But South Melbourne rarely does well against Heidelberg when using five men at the back. Last year South Melbourne full backs Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson were expected to break forward and the same tactic could apply on Sunday.

The midfield battle should be interesting as South Melbourne is far stronger in this department than it was last year.

The inclusion of John Stevenson and Jim Shirra has added a creative quality to the midfield which should reap rewards for players further afield, like Alun Evans and Branko Buljevic.

South Melbourne has a second-to-none chance of establishing superiority over its arch enemy with an early season win.

But it's now or never as far as 1981 is concerned.

This weekend's PSL clashes with likely winners in capitals.

IN MELBOURNE
SOUTH MELBOURNE v Heidelberg at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm;
PRESTON v Sydney Olympic at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
SYDNEY CITY v West Adelaide at Barton Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.
LEICHHARDT v Brisbane Lions at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE
NEWCASTLE v Blacktown at the International Sports Centre, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
BRISBANE CITY v Canberra at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
ADELAIDE CITY v MARCONI at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm

IN WOLLONGONG
WOLLONGONG v Footscray at the Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm.

At Connor reserve, Preston should gain its first PSL home win against Tommy Docherty's Sydney Olympic.

"The Doc" will find Preston dynamo Rob Cullen a handful. Pity help the poor Olympic defender given the task.

Once Doug Brown settles in he's sure to do well.

Brown, George McMillan and Peter Ollerton represent the greatest threat to Olympic keeper Gary Meier's attempts to keep a clean sheet.

With the support of the fanatical Preston fans the home side should take both points.

Sydney city should add to its momentum toward the 1981 PSL title with a home win over struggling West Adelaide.

West's coach Billy Birch is shackled by a tight budget and has been unable to drastically revamp the squad which finished second-last in the 1980 PSL.

But Birch's charges are sure to give a spirited display until the Slickers' class tells. There seems little likelihood of West's defence stopping John Kosmina, Willie Murray and Kenny Boden.

It seems that home sides are in a good position to nab both points from this weekend's round with the only exception being Marconi which visits Hindmarsh Stadium and should scrape home against Adelaide City.



Rudi Gutendorf

TOO MANY KIWIS IN PSL: RUDI

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has hit out at the Philips League for importing too many of Australia's "enemies" from New Zealand and for failing to get its players fit.

"I am angry that the PSL clubs bring so many New Zealand players here. This is not a help to the national coach," Gutendorf said at a press conference in Melbourne. "It is like working against the national team, because those same New Zealand players will face us in the World Cup elimination rounds. New Zealand's national league is not as strong as ours,

and the players could not achieve as high a standard playing there.

"But now our own local PSL coaches are making the New Zealanders fit to maybe beat us in the World Cup. It is perverse."

Gutendorf was referring to Steve Sumner (Newcastle), Richard Wilson, Duncan Cole (Canberra), Clive Campbell, Brian Turner (Wollongong) and Glen Dods (Adelaide City), all New Zealand internationals.

Prompted by the poor form of Marconi's Soccerroo players in the match against South Melbourne last Sunday, Gutendorf said:

"The art is to be fit when it counts. Marconi, I think, has worked too hard at training."

"It is important to have our national players fully fit for the game against New Zealand on April 25 but it is not up to me to make them fit. That is up to the clubs and the club coaches."

"Clubs train three times a week but for international level this is not good enough. I see players are not fit at the start of the season — and to

lose your first home game is a terrible thing."

Gutendorf dropped another bombshell in announcing he would ask the ASF to schedule all World Cup home fixtures for either Melbourne or Canberra.

He said he strongly opposes playing in Sydney.

"In Sydney we have problems," he said. "They send us to the Cricket Ground, they won't let us make training. I am not interested in Sydney. They treat us very bad there."

"In Melbourne we drew with Czechoslovakia and Northern Ireland. The players feel better in Melbourne — or in Canberra, too — they are looked after better."

Gutendorf said Australia should be proud of the many young local players in the national squad.

"I am German and I am only passing through but you as Australians should be proud of these boys. Even if we do not qualify for the World Cup, we now have a lasting national team."

STEWART TO FRANKSTON

Victorian State League club Frankston City completed the signing of South Melbourne Gunners' import Robbie Stewart late last week.

Stewart, a young Scottish striker, has crossed to Frankston thanks to one of the club's sponsors.

Frankston may reciprocate by giving South Melbourne first option on Manchester City striker David Witfill.

Stewart will stay with the Baysiders for this season but South Melbourne has first option on his services should he decide to go back to the PSL in 1982.

Should Stewart rejoin the Gunners, Frankston will receive \$3000. "Stewart wouldn't have been of benefit to us sitting on the bench," said South Melbourne president Sam Pappasavas.

"But if he joins a club which will give him a regular first team game he could be of benefit to us next year."

Frankston treasurer Les Smith was pleased with the deal which he saw as cementing a good relationship between his club and South Melbourne.

"Both clubs reached an amicable understanding and I'm really pleased that South Melbourne came to the party over Stewart," he said.

Another Frankston import, Carl Holford from England, will arrive soon now that Bruce Young has been granted permanent residency.

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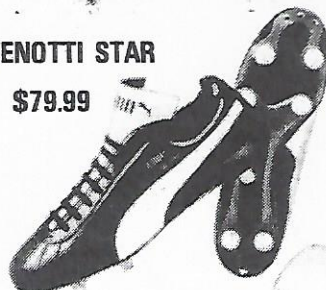
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Bozanic and Boyle spike the Demons

West Adel. 2
Blacktown 0

Crowd: 2700
Weather: Fine
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium

Cautions: Hormazabal (8), Wallace (8)

Referee: Graham Neale
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Reynolds (Held 20th), Tymoczyn 8, Topaz 7, Bozanic 8, McGachay 7, Boyle 9, McKie 8, McGregor 8, Norris 5, Manecas 5.

BLACKTOWN: James 7, Wheatley (Rasmussen 75th), Pollard 8 (Wallace 46th), Pointner 7, Milovanovic 5, Salvage 7, Djordjevic 8, Hormazabal 7, Culina 7, O'Donnell 7, Cuk 6.

If Rale Rasic can guide Blacktown Demons to the PSL championship, then he will be able to walk on Sydney Harbour.

There is a mammoth task facing this irrepressible coach who is probably the only man in Australia who could guide Blacktown to success.

Make no mistake about it — the Demons are much weaker than last year.

The acquisition of Mike Milovanovic, who played terribly against the Hawks, and Jovan Djordjevic could have its effect later, but for the moment Blacktown will have to get used to fighting rear-guard actions.

They were beaten by a side which, although it should have won by a bigger margin and had to contend with negative tactics, never looked impressive.

It was left to the individual commitment of Peter Boyle, the determination of Vic Bozanic and the solid defence of Peter Tymoczyn to help the Hawks to their first win of the season.

The Hawks opened the scoring after five minutes when McGregor, looking suspiciously offside, was allowed enough time to let the ball bounce three times before firing a solid shot from 20 metres.

After 80 minutes of frustration, near misses and superb lob from Manecas which struck the bar from 30 metres, the Hawks clinched the win with a Boyle special.

McGachay struck a close range shot, the ball was cleared off the goal line and rebounded to Boyle who rushed in and slammed a first time shot from 35 metres into the roof of the net beyond James' outstretched fingers.

Blacktown's best scoring opportunity came early in the second half when Branko Culina headed brilliantly only to see Martin Crook, back from injury, firing himself backwards for a super save.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton hadn't expected to play in the PSL but he brought his strip to Melbourne just in case. When Brian Turner was injured, Morton went on and scored a goal.

Royal wrestle

Nine-year-old children, a princess and a masked Croatian will wrestle at Middle Park on Sunday.

The bizarre hostilities start at 1.30 pm. They're the lead-up to the big clash between South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg Alexander.

Commentator is Jack Little, who used to call the wrestling on TV, and referee is that celebrated grappler George Goulovas.

Here's the full programme of matches:

Nick Politis (9 years old) v. John Kalatzakis (also 9).

Jenny Patrikis v. Princess Tara.

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Koussas puts Olympic ahead in the storm but...

Souths saved by Greg's panic



Meno Tousidis

MATCH RATING:

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Peter Cuk also had his moment late in the game but from 10 metres and with only Crook to beat, shot meekly.

But the prize for the most appalling miss goes to Manecas.

With goalkeeper James caught out of position, Manecas had the simple chance of sticking a foot to the ball from five metres, but stumbled and slipped.

Blacktown, which can draw solace from their second-half performance, when it looked capable of stealing a point, had one major injury — Peter Cuk had his nose broken in a clash with Shraga Topaz late in the game.



Waiting for a high ball — Theo Selemidis (left) of Heidelberg and Billy de Graaf of Wollongong.

Syd Olympic 2 Sth Melb 2

At the Sydney Sports Ground.

Scorers — Olympic: Laing 39th, Koussas 42nd, South Melbourne: Christopoulos 21st, 61st (pen).

Conditions — very difficult, continual downpour, very wet. Referee — Henry Witschge 9.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7, Moulis 7, Rawdon 8, Zeros 9, Ankudinoff 6 (sub Scott 66), Cork 8, Houssien 6 (sub Cross 7 half time), Katholos 8, Laing 8, Koussas 7, Jennings 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 7, Vannon 8, Xanthopoulos 8, Blair 7, Davidson 8, Rogers 8, Shirra 6, Stevenson 6, Christopoulos 2, Evans 8, Guljevic 7, (sub Cummings 75th).

Both teams turned in a tremendous performance in conditions that were not fit for man nor beast, far less a game of soccer.

A tropical storm hit Sydney during this clash and the rain just poured down, making conditions very difficult for both teams.

But come what may, every player knuckled down to his job, with the result a highly entertaining and fine game of soccer.

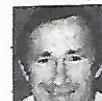
The end result was fair, as neither side deserved to lose after the effort they had put in and I think that both coaches were quite satisfied with a point — although they would never admit it.

South Melbourne is equal favourite with Sydney City to take out this year's honors and at times it looked a good side with its experience showing out in key positions.

But here South Melbourne was never allowed to settle or put it all together. Olympic that gave its coach Tommy Dockerty 110 percent.

I honestly can't see Olympic winning the PSL title this year, but it will give a great many teams a great many shocks.

Tommy Dockerty's brand is written all over this team. All action, determined, never-say-die stuff, with every player expected to run for 100 minutes (this includes the half time break). The Doc expects it.



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING:

9

What they lack is skill, they make up in energy and enthusiasm.

This doesn't work all the time, but it will until The Doc gets his team really organised and until he can sign at least one really good player, to help his present youngsters.

Both teams are on the right track, with South Melbourne obviously further ahead in development than Olympic at this stage.

South Melbourne opened the scoring in the 21st minute when George Christopoulos hit one from 30 metres that sneaked in off the post with young goalkeeper Peter Wilson a bit out in his angles.

Then it looked as if the Victorians would ram home their advantage and Billy Rogers had a golden opportunity to put them two up, but missed badly when well positioned.

But Olympic fought back and Derek Laing grabbed the equaliser when he scored in a great effort, after being set up by Danny Moulis.

More was to come and the Olympic supporters thought all their birthdays had come on the one day when Mark Koussas put them ahead with a brilliant solo effort in the 42nd min.

It was now Olympic's turn to dominate and South Melbourne looked a very worried team.

In the 61st minute Greg Ankudinoff hit the penalty area even though the ball looked as if it would miss the goal by the proverbial mile.

Needless to say, George Christopoulos made no mistake with the penalty kick.

From then on, both teams tried hard to snatch the winner but could not make the final breakthrough.

When the referee's whistle blew with the score at 2-2 justice was done.

For it would have been an injustice if any of these players had been on the losing end after such a gallant performance in such awful conditions!

Help from Hellas, Yugoslavia, Eire

Footscray 2 Leichhardt 1

Scorers: Kondarios 15m, Vassic 44m, O'Connor 24m.

Ground: Schintler Reserve

Attendance 1951. Referee Stuart Mellings 7.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 6; Petrov 6 (Hazabent 77m); Kyriakoulas 7, Kondarios 7, Milne 6; Belic 6 (Curovic 75m); Picioane 6; Jovanovic 7, Ilioski 7, Simic 7, Vasic 6.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 6; Skellern 6, Pullen 6, Wilson 6, McAusland 5, Coyne 6, Harding 5, (Gray 79m), Kafka 5, Hughes 5, Pirie 5, O'Connor 7.

Cautions: Pullen. Footscray J.U.S.T. was expected, as we went to Press, to sign speedy South Melbourne Hellas forward Steven Kakantonis on loan.

A young striker by the name of Dragojevic, apparently recommended by Zdravko Lujic who is in Yugoslavia, also is expected to join, and Footscray is said to be considering two players from Eire.

Coach Cedo Cirkovic was at a loss to define whether Footscray had been so good or whether Leichhardt had been so poor. "We were a completely different side to the one which played Newcastle," he said.

"We dominated the mid-field which was the key to the game and we were unlucky not to score at least another goal.

"On the other hand Leichhardt was disappointing. I had expected a harder game but I realised after 10 minutes we didn't need to play with five defenders."



Dick Prendergast

MATCH RATING:

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The fifth defender he was referring to was Zoran Ilioski who began the match as sweeper but was switched to star in mid-field soon after the start.

He was in the thick of most things, as was Slobodan Jovanovic, and was unlucky not to have got on to the scoresheet, hitting the post with a scorching in the second half.

Inevitably he was involved in the first goal, taking the corner kick from Footscray's right. It was touched on by Vlatko Belic for Jim Kondarios to hammer home from close range.

Kondarios was making his 100th full PSL appearance (he also has played one as a substitute) so the goal was a just celebration.

Leichhardt drew level with after 24 minutes following another corner.

The kick was cleared by Vasic but went straight to Phil O'Connor who hit it on the volley, sending the ball into the roof of the net.

However that was the last real threat on the Footscray goal, for the striking duo of Billy Pirie and Alan Hughes were well

contained by Kondarios and Kyriakoulas for the rest of the match.

Footscray on the other hand rattled the upright through Paul Simic before taking the lead on the stroke of half time.

Simic's shot on the turn followed a good crossfield build-up by Joe Picioane and Jovanovic but the ball was scrambled to safety when it came off the post.

Vasic scored the winner with a low shot after Jovanovic had done all the hard work and sent the ball into the box with a spectacular overhead kick.

The result maintained Footscray's 100% home record against Leichhardt, having beaten them 5-1 and 1-0 in previous PSL seasons.

Lownds' slip kills Lions

Brisbane Lions 0 Newcastle 1

Scorers: Buckley 87th. Ground — Lions Stadium.

Weather — Hot and humid. Crowd — 1800.

Cautions — Nil. Referee — D. Nugent 6.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 6, Ontong 8, Harmiston 8, Bennett 7, Niven 8, Hogg 6, McLean 6, (McGaughey 71st) Lindsay 6 (Dunst 75th), Ogden 6, Millman 7, Ferris 6.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7, Renney 8, (Orinikwiter 8), Bertogna 8, Curran 7, Sumner 6, Jones 4 (Mountford 31st, 6), Senkalski 7, Heys 7, Buckley 6, McClelland 6 (Mason 52nd, 5).

Two things emerged from this sorry match for Brisbane Lions — they still don't have a match-winning central striker, but on the positive side, their defence is just as reliable as last year.

That Lions had to forfeit a vital point was due largely to a fatal error by goalkeeper Nigel Lownds in the third last minute, when a scoreless draw seemed a just and inevitable result.

Ian Buckley, one of KB's heroes against Footscray the previous week crossed from deep and well out on the left and Lownds, under no pressure

It was noticeable before the match that KB's Phil Dando wore gloves, while Lownds did not, a somewhat surprising decision considering the surface was a little heavy.

At one stage on the Saturday, Brisbane's PSL match, for the second week running, had been in grave doubt, but the ground made a miraculous recovery.

Lions finished a little stronger when striker Calvin Dando replaced midfielder Gerry Lindsay but the only real hope they had was when Ron Millman appealed strongly for a penalty when he thought he had been obstructed by Arno Bertogna in the last few minutes.

Lions' new player Jim McLean and Bobby Ferris again showed they will be handy assets but as yet have not become acclimatised enough to be regarded as match-winners.

Once again it is left to Millman to do the muscle work up front and once in each half he provided dream openings, crossing to an open goalmouth,

compromising set of defences, but on this display did not have a great deal to offer up front.

As expected, it was a match very much dominated by defenders and only the Lownds slip prevented a scoreless draw, which looked odds-on even before half time.

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Ref steals the show

Sydney City 1 Brisb. City 1

Stadium: Sydney Sports Ground.

Referee: D. Rennie 5.

Goals: Boden (penalty) 35th, Caldwell (penalty) 76th.

Yellow cards: Dunne 23rd, Caldwell 68th.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7, Spanos 7, Bruce 6, Cant 6, Gomez 7, Scoussas 6, Burns 8, Murray 7 (Muniz 57th), Kosmina 7, Watson 6, Boden 8 (Silva 73rd).

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 7, Dunne 6, Ratcliffe 6, Perry 8, Gaffney 6, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, W. Wilkinson 7, Palinkas 5 (Caldwell 64th), P. Wilkinson 7, Kelso 5.

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Boden tried to do it again just a few minutes later when he hit the best shot of the match. It had 2-0 written all over it but somehow it slammed into the post with the Gladiators breathing a sigh of relief.

After the break you couldn't tell the difference between the two sides although the character of the game certainly didn't change.

The Gladiators had a near miss in the 50th minute when Joe Palinkas blasted a free goal just outside the area. Fortunes changed quickly and the Gladiators were in trouble two minutes later.

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Wollongong's New Zealand international Clive Campbell (right) looks for a target as John Yzendoorn (left) and Charlie Yankos close him down. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Campbell buzzes again, 'Bergers gonged

**Heidelberg 0
Wollongong 3**

Scorers: McBreen 34th, Morton 51st, Dunleavy 72nd.
Ground: Olympic Park No. 2.

Weather: Fine. Crowd: 5200.

Referee: David Yelland 8.
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 5 — Yankos 5, Yzendoorn 7, Bannan 5, McMillan 7 — Selemidis 6, J. Campbell 5 (Taylor 5, 58th), Rooney 8 — Cole 5, Paton 6, Boziskas 5.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 7 — Fleming 7, Dunleavy 8, de Graaf 7, Dickinson 6 — McBreen 8, Adams 8, Lathan 8, Tredinnick 7 — C. Campbell 9, Turner (injured 4th min), sub: Morton 6, rep. by Mohring 73rd.

Manny Penlakakis, who replaced Len McKendry as Heidelberg's coach during the off-season, gave his players a long lecture behind locked doors after the game.

Many in the club feel the players would be better advised to contribute the same effort as last year than to continue bemoaning McKendry's departure.

But the players themselves were angry at suggestions that they did not try hard enough. "We should have been two goals ahead before Wollongong scored," said Pat Bannan.

He may be right, but for the rest of the match, Wollongong played as a well-drilled team and it fully deserved its victory, which was attained despite the replacement of injured striker Brian Turner in only the fourth minute.

Wollongong's Kiwi striker Clive Campbell, who had scored two goals against Olympic the previous week, tormented the Heidelberg defence and will be New Zealand's major weapon against Australia in their first World Cup qualifying game in Auckland on 25 April.

But Wollongong's strongest department is its four-man midfield. Lee Adams and John Lathan move tirelessly up and down the field, and Jim McBreen and Peter Tredinnick are ever-alert to attacking opportunities on the flanks.

Chris Dunleavy, who scored the third goal with a header, is a resolute, powerful centre back who no doubt benefits from the support he gets from another Kiwi international, Billy de Graaf.

McBreen scored the first goal, and coach Morton, who came on as substitute for Turner, notched the second — an easy tap-in after goalkeeper Jeff Oliver had only parried a drive by Campbell.

Wollongong's challenger this week is Footscray, which beat Leichhardt 2-1 last Sunday. Footscray, like Wollongong, relies on a four-man midfield, so this should be an interesting tactical battle.

more difficult match than the one against Heidelberg.

Turner may be unavailable, as he needed stitches to a gashed forehead after a collision with Charlie Yankos who also needed treatment.

This Wollongong team is a credit to the conscientious, practical approach of Ken Morton, who was brought north from Tasmanian club Rapid West Point late last year. He was given the unenviable task of building a new team on a shoestring budget of about \$70,000, and he's succeeded beyond any director's wildest dreams.

"Most people thought we'd assembled a bunch of second-raters," Morton said after the game. "But now they see that there's a lot of talent in this team — a bit of skill, a bit of flair, and a bit of experience in defence. The attitude is great. They're all solid professionals who work hard at their game."

Wollongong displayed all the qualities that made Heidelberg such a good team last year. It closed down opponents quickly, there was good cover in defence, the midfielders retreated quickly to join the back four to present the oppo-

nents with a solid barrier, and the forward moves were well thought out.

Most attacks went via Campbell. He can beat a man with ease but what impressed me most was the way he held the ball, waiting for support after a long ball had found him forward alone.

Heidelberg was comparatively slow, lacklustre and disjointed. Its game didn't flow as it did last year. There were few good performances.

Jimmy Rooney was Heidelberg's best player. Every move was the result of either his efforts or those of Arthur McMillan or John Yzendoorn who went forward more and more as it became increasingly obvious that the men upfield weren't going to get any better.

Those early chances which Pat Bannan says Heidelberg should have turned into goals were a job from Andy Boziskas that landed on top of the net, a miss by Gary Cole and a moment of hesitation inside the area by Theo Selemidis.

Cole got away on Rooney's chip over left back Tony Dick-



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING: 7

inson, only to shoot wide, but by then Wollongong was well in it too, with Peter Tredinnick and Lee Adams missing narrowly.

McBreen put Wollongong ahead with a low shot in the 34th minute and Jamie Paton hit the crossbar after a good pass from Jim Campbell seconds later.

Morton made it 2-0, and Heidelberg muffed another opportunity to stay in the match when Cole was too far behind play after Rooney, combining with Paton, had cut it back.

Dunleavy headed goal No. 3 from Clive Campbell's corner, then Campbell almost scored himself with a shot that caught Jeff Oliver way off his line. Heidelberg's last chance was a long shot by John Yzendoorn but goalkeeper Jim Preston saved brilliantly.

Krncevic shows his 'Roo value

**Marconi 1
Preston 0**

Goal: Krncevic
Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: about 4600

MARCONI: Maher 8 — Brogan 6, Muir 7, Prskalo 7 (sent off), Tomasich 7 — Byrne 6, Raskopoulos 5 (Colusso 7, 46th), Henderson 5 — Sharne 6, Krncevic 6, Jankovics 6.

PRESTON: Kastner 7 — Flavalle 6, Petrovski 7, Higham 7, Beech 6 — Faulkner 5, McMillan 6, Lucchessi 7, Brown 8 — Cullen 7, Ollerton 7.

Eddie Krncevic, the tall Socceroo striker, scored the only goal of the game to give Marconi this much needed start in its chase for points in this year's title race, but neither Krncevic nor Marconi looked championship material.

Marconi battled hard for these points and appeared sluggish on the slippery Bosley Park surface. Preston obviously content to play for a draw, had at times nine and ten men back in its penalty area, relying on quick breaks forward.

In fact, Marconi attacked furiously in the first 20 minutes and came close to scoring through Peter Sharne and Tony Henderson.

Robbie Cullen had an ideal opportunity for the visiting Rams after a good header by Peter Ollerton. The ball rolled some seven metres from goal and directly into the path of Cullen who shot wide.

The more the game went on, the more Preston became prominent, attacking with zest and purpose. Lucchessi's effort in the 33rd minute was saved by the diving Dragan Tomasich, then Doug Brown's cross was deflected towards Maher when it appeared destined to land in the path of Cullen.

Preston continued to play an attractive brand of soccer with Brown, Cullen and Lucchessi making life difficult for the Marconi defence. Alan Maher



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING: 8

was almost beaten in the 51st minute following a good cross by Lucchessi and a scorching header by McMillan which just cleared the crossbar.

It was apparent with only half an hour to go that one goal would settle the issue and Marconi threw itself forward in an effort to gain ascendancy and that much needed goal.

Ivo Prskalo's free kick in the 61st minute was miskicked by two Preston defenders allowing Mark Jankovic to hit the ball on the turn but the bit denied him scoring Lou Kastner, the Preston keeper, was not so lucky some five minutes later.

Following a free kick by Gary Byrne, Eddie Krncevic

rose high to nod the ball just inside the post and give Marconi the lead that proved decisive in the end.

I didn't think Krncevic set the world on fire with his display, but he is there to score goals and I only wish Rudi Gutendorf was there to see it. It was a great goal and just the tonic the young player needed in the face of all the rubbish that was thrown at his for some time. And that includes some remarks by the national coach.

Preston came back and tried in vain to level but even the four minutes and 40 seconds of extra time couldn't help. Marconi lost Prskalo in the 88th minute but played almost ten minutes with ten men due to added time through injury in the second half.

Referee Garry Power had a difficult job controlling tempers with some of the sliding tackles making contact more than a mere stud above ground.

Robbie Cullen was booked in the first half, then Petrovski followed soon after the restart. Ivo Prskalo and Jimbo Muir got their yellow cards before Prskalo was sent off after a late tackle on Doug Brown in the 88th minute.



It's Wollongong 3 Heidelberg 0 after this headed goal by Chris Dunleavy who outjumps Charlie Yankos (right).

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**Canberra 0
Adel. Giants 0**

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Cautions: Yellow cards for Villani, Melia, Stark.

Crowd: 2,642.
CANBERRA ARROWS: Wilson 8, M. O'Shea 7, Stark 8, R. O'Shea 7, D. Cole 8, Masse 8, Farrell 8, 57th) Byrne 8, R. O'Shea 7; McLaren 7, Valeri 8, Brennan 7 (Giampolo, 70th).

ADELAIDE GIANTS: Marshall 6, Russell 8, B. Nyshokus 7, Jones 8, Villani 7 (Bush 80th) Marrochhi 7, Perin 7; Northcote 7, J. Nyshokus 7, D. Mitchell 8, Melia 7.

Referee: Bob Moe 7.

Canberra Arrows should have won in the driving rain at Bruce Stadium. They created the greater number of chances but they went begging due to good goalkeeping by Peter Marshall or hesitation in front of goal.

Canberra's tough-talking coach George Murray was quick to admit this shortcoming.

Without prompting, Murray said: "In some way I was disappointed with the result — particularly since, from chances created, we should have won."

"If we really want a brilliant season they aren't the sort of chances any team can let go begging."



Peter Windsor

MATCH RATING: 6

part of the second half we regained control and were fighting for everything when the final whistle went."

This scribe echoes Murray's assessment. Murray's counterpart at Adelaide, Bob D'Ottavi, said the expected: "We drew away from home."

"That's not a bad result". It gave both clubs three out of a possible four points.

It really was a game of contrasts. The second half was as exciting as the first was lacklustre.

Canberra had much the better of the territorial play but rarely did they look like scoring.

Perhaps the best chance came in the 15th minute. Hardworking midfielder Duncan Cole took one of his usual long throws. Striker Tony Brennan

between David Jones and Bobby Russell and finally the ball bounced loose to Canberra's close-season signing from Holland, John Massa.

The big Dutchman's shot went wide.

Otherwise the giant-sized Massa, trying to live-up to an instant super star image, didn't put a foot wrong.

In fact in the 37th minute he used his height well to head a high cross straight down into the goal-line only to see Marshall bring off a great save.

Adelaide, too, had chances — the best being Johnny Nyshokus's header which just shaved the bar.

In the second half things were different. It was only two minutes old when Cole cracked a blistering, 30-metre drive that left Marshall standing but thundered against the Crossbar.

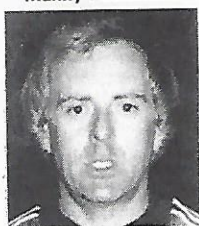
Brennan picked up the rebound but Marshall saved.

Canberra was in firm control but couldn't find the net. Full marks to the mainstays of Adelaide's defence — David Jones and Bobby Russell. But again Adelaide created chances. Once through an error — the other through individual ability.

On both occasions Australian Socceroo striker David Mitchell was involved. He grabbed a bad back-pass from Terry Byrne only to have Wilson save his shot and later put in a greater header that



Manny Poulakakis



Len McKendry

"The biggest problem in the world could have been solved when it was small."

I am sure this is what the directors of Heidelberg have learned over the past two weeks as they have watched their team struggle to get one point out of a possible four.

No doubt all sections of soccer in Australia are talking about the demise of Heidelberg this season.

How could such a magnificent team be on the end of a 3-0 hammering at home by newcomer Wollongong?



TOM ANDERSON

Obviously there will be some hard talking when the post mortem over Sunday's loss is held.

And I suppose if this form continues, heads will roll and changes will be made — this is always the way in our set-up.

Obviously to all lovers of the game the fall from grace by Heidelberg is a great shock — and I'm no exception here.

They are a team I always have admired and I take pride in having a close friendship with Jimmy Rooney, Jim Tansey, Jack Reilly, Gary Cole and Theo Selemides.

I also respect present coach Manny Poulakakis and former coach Len McKendry and admire all these two have done for Australian soccer.

In such a situation, I do not want to take sides and blame anyone.

But I will take a look at the predicament this great club has got itself into.

Through a tragic chain of circumstances, the committee, the players and the two coaches — Poulakakis and McKendry — are all involved in the Heidelberg disaster.

What disaster, you may say? They've lost only one game and managed a draw away from home.

Well to be honest, I must say that I can see the present situation going from bad to worse if it is not rectified.

Here are the cold facts about Heidelberg and again I must state I am not taking sides, but only highlighting the

problems that can befall a top club in this day and age.

After a highly successful season last year, Heidelberg and coach McKendry failed to come to terms and McKendry left the club.

In doing this, he left behind a squad of players dedicated to him and his methods.

The ultimate success of any coach is to have the complete confidence and faith of his players. McKendry had this and indeed still has it at Heidelberg.

Although gone from the club, McKendry still comes into contact with the nucleus of the team as Victoria's State coach.

So McKendry may be gone from Heidelberg but his shadow still looms over the club.

With the coaching position vacant, Manny Poulakakis was asked to take the job, and he did so.

There was no wrong in this and Manny Poulakakis is a man who is known for his straight-forwardness and openness.

However his handicap is great at Heidelberg, with the players' loyalties obviously split down the middle.

As for the players well, no doubt you are saying that the players are professionals and their loyalty should be with the club and whoever is coach of the club.

This is all right in theory, but it just does not work in the closely knit community of Australian soccer.

In England or Europe when a coach or a manager is sacked, he usually packs his bags and heads hundreds or thousands of miles away to another club.

Len McKendry hasn't even moved house and no doubt he still has a coffee every day with some of the players who have become "his mates" over the years.

McKendry is such a good coach he has conditioned the players to think his way and this is hard to be thrown off. Especially when results with a new coach are not forthcoming.

In such a situation overseas, the new coach or manager would sell half of the team and replace them with players of his own choice.

Tommy Docherty always used this method when he joined a new club in England and I may add, it worked.

But here in Australia this cannot be done, because there are not enough good players around, and not enough money, either.

Poulakakis just could not replace the present bunch. So you have a stalemate. Present time.

Obviously if the present trend continues and losses are chalked up, action of some sort will be taken by the committee.

And, in this action, in this situation, innocent people will be hurt through no fault of their own. This is sad.

But it always seems to happen in our set-up and the adage that there is no sentiment in football looks set to rear its ugly head once more.

I just wish that such a situation had not developed at Heidelberg, with so many of my good friends involved.

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RIDICULOUS!

SIR — Ridiculous! That's what I call statements from Frankston City officials in last week's 'Soccer Action'.

The rubbish that has been spread about Mick McGorian has to stop forever because I have spoken to our lawyer and Slavia will not sit back while others try to form wrong public opinions about us.

Previously Slavia's policy was to ignore such comments but it allowed the wrong image to be projected. We have to change that situation.

When we found that Frankston had approached McGorian without our permission we told them to keep clear. McGorian is our contract player yet they continued to make approaches to him.

They also made statements that it is ridiculous to ask for \$6,000 for a player who cost us only \$900.

Has everyone forgotten about Steve Aldridge?

We gave Aldridge money and paid his air fare for a holiday. He returned, receiving a signing-on fee then vanished two weeks later. Getting a player for \$900 doesn't mean that this is the only amount of money that player costs a club.

There's one club which bought a Slavia player for \$7,500 and is asking about \$200,000 for him. Why do people

always refer to our player deals? What about other clubs?

As far as I am concerned McGorian is worth at least \$12,000 to us!

We will tell the VSF to take strong action from now on.

I am sorry if that action involves Frankston because the relationship between our clubs was good in the past. But the present Frankston leadership has damaged our relationship.

Frankston's officials can only inflame the local player market by their comments.

I have three players who have come to Slavia from lower leagues and they are asking for \$1500 to sign-on or else they will not join us. I'm sure those players were advised to ask for such a ridiculous sum. Can you imagine what Gary Cole or George McMillan must get to sign-on if these unproven players can command such a fee?

Players have learned to try to blackmail Slavia but let me warn them that our attitude has changed.

Some players claim that Slavia is responsible to fulfil its contractual responsibilities. Sure that's the case alright. But from now on any players who don't fulfil their contractual responsibilities will have to suffer the consequences.

The most important thing for Slavia is to stop the rabbits who are influencing our players and hindering our progress.

— TONY VRZINA,
Slavia coach

UNINFORMED

SIR — As president of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation, I would like to comment on a statement made by Mr Tom Anderson on February 11 in the article "PSL Becomes A Company".

In discussing the fact that PSL clubs do not have a say in their own destiny, Mr Anderson made the following statement:

"It's just ridiculous that while Tasmania, Western Australia and Northern NSW have votes on matters concerning the PSL, the clubs themselves have no say at ASF level."

Whilst I agree with the content of Mr Anderson's article that the PSL clubs should have a say in their destiny, I object to the use of Northern NSW in the manner stated.

First, Mr Anderson mentioned the name of N NSW in the same sentence as Western Australia and Tasmania. Any soccer follower would know that Western Australia and Tasmania do not have Philip's League clubs while N NSW is represented by one of the more successful clubs, Newcastle KB United. So why mention N NSW in this manner, and not NSW, Victoria or South Australia? I believe the reason to be the sleighting of N NSW once again, and the down-playing of its role in Australian soccer.

If Mr Anderson was aware of how Newcastle KB United was formed he would know of the extent of this Federation's involvement, which is vastly different to that of most other States with their PSL clubs.

I might point out that as a member of the ASF executive, representing my State, it would be irresponsible of me not to ensure that any affiliated clubs of this Federation were properly represented in any matter.

Prior to any ASF executive meetings, I meet with Newcastle KB United secretary, Mr Paul Trisley, to determine the course of action to be taken to best benefit this State, the PSL and the code of soccer in general. I doubt whether many other PSL clubs have the same sort of relationship with their state body.

For too long now Northern NSW has been ignored and regarded as the country cousins of sports officials and sportswriters have not bothered to find out what is happening.

I can assure you, whether you believe it or not, that this state is one of the most progressive in Australia and soccer is expanding rapidly at all levels because of proper administration and promotion.

I invite Mr Anderson and any other members of your staff to visit us in Newcastle to acquaint yourselves with what is happening here. Then, and only then, writers might think twice about using the name of Northern NSW in an uninformed and derogatory manner.

— STEFAN KAMASZ

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WOLLONGONG, for so long ignored by state and national soccer federations suddenly finds itself with three federation teams.

The new Wollongong City gives the region national league status.

There are also two teams in NSW State league division 1. One is my own Wollongong United, the other is Fairy Meadow.

Fairy Meadow has just been allowed into the State League setup after dominating local soccer in Wollongong for several years.

It has immediately shown its strength by beating Monaro 2-0 on its debut in the Ampol Cup.

Fairy Meadow is sponsored by the Italian-backed Fraternity Club of Wollongong.

My team, Wollongong United, is sponsored by the Macedonian church. The supporters and many of the players are of Macedonian background plus several players of Italian parentage.

There are no Englishmen involved in the club, apart from myself, and no English players.

This is in stark contrast with the newly-formed Wollongong City which along with its English coach, Ken Morton, has a first team all of English background, signed either directly from England or via Perth, Tasmania and New Zealand.

Three local players signed recently from my club Ray Vignestra, Glen Montana and Natch Vardareff, plus another Jock Morlando are also in the first team squad.

Wollongong is made up of more than 30 nationalities and there is some unrest in the city that its major club and soccer standard-bearer is virtually exclusively English in its playing make-up.

This unrest will subside if results are reasonable, but will tend to surface whenever bad results come along.

Results are what coaching and professional sport is all about.

The Sydney Press had underestimated Fairy Meadow and did not give them a chance against Monaro in the Ampol Cup.

Fairy Meadow coach, Hugh Tinney, has been a fine player in Wollongong for many years, but had to confine himself to Wollongong district soccer, apart from a brief spell at State league level with the now defunct Safeway United.

The Wollongong car firm, Safeway, was one of the very first major sponsors of club soccer in this country, big enough to cause the NSW Soccer Federation to change the name of South Coast United to Safeway United to please the sponsor.

Safeway got that privilege for providing just \$10,000 a year.

The Wollongong Leagues club and Westfield's Fittree shopping complex are putting in a lot more than that for their association with Wollongong City in Philips League.

The season is a crucial one for all three Wollongong clubs. The first year in Philips league is not easy as Canberra and Newcastle both found.

However, Wollongong is starting with more money than most of these teams had at the start, which has enabled Ken Morton to assemble a useful squad.

On the other hand he does not have the luxury of one year's grace. If Wollongong finishes last, the guillotine will fall, just as it was poised over 1980 newcomer Blacktown City all of last year.

For Fairy Meadow it is a push to get promoted into state league.

The Fairy Meadow club has seen Wollongong United just miss promotion by one point on each of the two years it has been in 1st division.

Two years ago North Sydney pipped United by one point. Last year Polonia did the same by one point.

Last year for myself and players there was the consolation of winning the grand final.

But in soccer, I believe there is no prize as important as promotion to a higher league.



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Thirteen mascot characters called the 'Socceroos' have been released for manufacturers to utilise in product licensing.

Released at the same time is the official Australian Soccer Federation emblem which is being made available to sponsors and licensees in categories of ASF 'Approved Product', ASF 'Official Supplier', ASF 'Dressing Room Product' and ASF 'Official Training Product'.

Rik Booth, executive director of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd. said: "This is the first step in the introduction of licensing to the sport of soccer in this country. It has always been an anomaly with the game that a sport the size of soccer has lacked any sort of character mascots, or merchandising and endorsement programme in which manufacturers, sponsors or licensees can participate.

"The 'Socceroo' characters are, we believe, one of the most original and appealing series of Australian characters ever created in this country for any sport, or indeed for any merchandising programme. We elected to create a full team of 'Socceroos' plus a coach and referee so that licensees can use them either combined or individually. This opens up enormous potential for manufacturers of products who can now produce a complete range of merchandise bearing the individual 'Socceroo'."

The aim of the licensing programme is to generate funds which can be utilised for the development of the sport at all levels, and most particularly at a junior and youth level.

"Two soccer coaching and training books are due for release in the middle of the year, one of which is based solely on the 'Socceroo' characters. We expect the 'Socceroo' characters will become popular quickly with the Australian public particularly with children," Mr Booth said.

"The 'Socceroo' characters are designed to become synonymous with all soccer in Australia and not just any single aspect of it, or specific tournament."

"Soccer as a sport has some 300,000 boys and girls playing the game at present and it is highly likely with the growth, particularly of junior girls soc-



BENDA

cer, that the number could reach half a million by the mid 1980's.

"It is a sport where the children are influencing the parents, and the general soccer audience is mainly young, white collar and very family orientated. With such a following the sport therefore has one of the best bases for growth."

The second phase of the overall soccer licensing programme will be the release of the new Philips Soccer League club emblems, each of which has been carefully redesigned with their commercial viability in mind.

This will be followed by the release for licensing purposes of State Soccer Federation emblems, the Australian Soccer Referees Federation emblem, the Australian Women's Soccer Association emblem and the Australian Youth Soccer Development Programme emblem.

Meet the team of Socceroos

BRUCE Bruce is the Coach. He once played for Australia as a Socceroo himself. When Bruce gets angry with the team he paces around and stamps his feet. Thankfully he doesn't do anything else because even this makes the earth shake and the grandstand vibrate.

BLUEY He never stops talking. He is always telling tall stories about his various soccer feats and the goals he nearly scored. Bluey has nearly scored more goals than any other player in the team. He is actually a grey kangaroo but goes blue in the face every time he nearly scores a goal.

WEF He's the Referee and got his name because he can't pronounce his r's. He claims that he's the best kangaroo wewee in Australia. He's older and wiser and although very strict, is also very fair. Wef nearly always loses his whistle during a game because he gets so excited he swallows it.

CAPTAIN AUSTRALIA Captain of the Socceroo team and very proud of his position. He

makes sure the team behave themselves on the field and that they always play the best they can. All the other players respect his experience and skill. He usually takes the penalties and rarely misses.

ANGELO Angelo was actually born in Europe. He came to Australia with his family when he was 10 months old. Angelo likes the girls. He simply can't resist them. He talks to them from the sidelines. Even during a game he'll take injury just to get Wef to send him off the field. That way he can go and chat to the girls.

FLICKA He's called this because he always handles the ball with his head. In fact, it's almost impossible for the opposition to get at the ball when he has it in the air. He has been known to even run from the centre line all the way into the opposition's goal mouth bouncing the ball on his head.

JOEY Joey is the youngest member of the Socceroo team. He is also one of the fastest and a bit cheeky. When a television camera comes in range of him he usually whips out a comb and does his hair. He can't resist being the centre of attention. Trouble is, he's often the centre of Wef's attention too!

ROCKET When he gets the ball nothing can stop him. He kicks the ball so hard that everyone ducks. And on the rare occasion he misses the net and hits the goal posts, the ball simply explodes from the impact.

SLEEPY Sleepy is the Goalkeeper. His real name is Leapy but when the Socceroos are attacking the opposition goal he's usually asleep in his own goal area. Wherever he is though, he's nearly always yawning. Even after he's saved the goal, and the crowd and his team cheer, all he does is smile and yawn. So the team called him Sleepy instead.

BENDA Benda is from Queensland. He can curve the ball brilliantly. And he can do it with either foot so the opposition is always in a muddle with him. Because of this he's always used for free kicks.

THUMPER He kicks well with both feet and can be very tricky with the ball. However, he often gets his feet muddled when he's trying to outstep the opposition, and trips himself. He got his name from his habit of thumping his tail on the ground every time the team scores a goal.

BIG RED Nearly everyone is terrified of Big Red. He's the biggest member of the team. And he's got the biggest temper too. When he runs with the ball the ferocious look on his face is enough to terrify anyone.

BULLET He can play the ball with either foot and he's used as a Stopper by the coach. He's scored many goals by taking goal kicks and putting the ball in the other team's net with one almighty kick. Each time he does he leaps in the air with a mighty jump and does a summersault.



BULLET



ROCKET

TRIP OF A LIFETIME

A trip to the Pele Soccer Camp in New York is being organised by the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy.

Boys who take the trip will attend Pele's camp from July 5 to 12.

Also included are a visit to Disneyland, Universal Studios and even a helicopter flight over New York.

It's a trip of a lifetime! The trip starts on July 1 and the party will be back in Sydney on July 16.

Cost is \$1150 per child and \$1603 per adult. Most information is available from Johnny Warren Soccer Academy, PO Box 362, Belconnen, 2607, ACT; or Neckermann Tours, Box 5071, GPO Sydney 2001, NSW (phone 02/264 3224).



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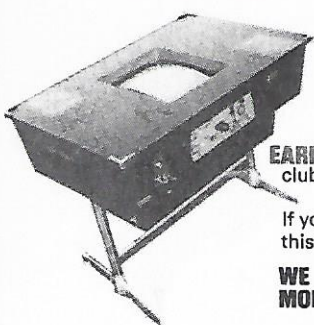
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Hawks hammer Second Division

West Adelaide Hawks, fielding a side similar to the 1978 PSL championship team, savaged the Second Division Select 8-2 to storm into the semi-finals of the Ampol Cup.

The Hawks will play Cumberland in tonight's semi-final while the Adelaide City Giants play Croatia in the other semi-final.

The Hawks were under a lot of pressure to succeed in this match.

A draw would have been enough for the Second Division to clinch top place and a semi-final berth, but in the end it slipped to third spot on goal difference.

The Hawks fielded Dave Pillans and Barry Reynolds for the first time in more than a year and along with Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey in midfield gave the side added experience and bite.

Pillans played a decisive role, equalising in the 26th minute after the Second Division team led after three minutes and looking very capable of beating the Hawks, and well at that.

But Pillans' goal opened the flood gates. Boyle struck a second half hat-trick while McKie (2) and McGachey also got into the act in the second half.

McGachey had given the Hawks the lead just before half time.

The Hawks' international goalkeeper Martyn Crook played his first match since last October after being plagued by an injured back.

WEST ADELAIDE HAWKS 8 (Boyle 52nd, 61st, 89th, McKie 48th, 55th, McGachey)

Meno Toutsidis



37th, 77th, Pillans 26th) **SECOND DIVISION 2** (Durrant 3rd, Dye 70th).

HAWKS: Crook 8 - Tymczyszyn 7, Pillans 26th, Maricic 7, Reynolds 7 - McGachey 8, Boyle 8, McKie 8, McGachey 8 - Norris 6, Mancos 7 (Brown), Second Division: Humphries 4 (Brown), Baldwin 6, Ryan 7, Campbell 7, Fyfe 8 - Jacob 8, Boyle 7, Johnstone 7 - Dye 7, Durrant 8, Perassin 7.

CUMBERLAND 0, AMATEURS 0
CUMBERLAND: Johnson 7 - Leane 7, Parks 7, Ball 8, Hawes 7 - Reeves 7, Panthurst 7, Welsh 8 - Doherty 7, Leane 8, Mahony 7.

AMATEURS: Pasombas 9 - Levey 7, Smith 7, Berrisford 7, McInerlin 7 - Loveday 8, White 7, Roydhouse 8 - Day 7, Papes 7, Burfoot 7.

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ad. City Giants	3	3	0	0	8	4	9
Cumberland	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Pura Hills	3	1	2	0	2	2	4
Amateurs	3	1	2	0	1	1	4

GROUP B
West Ad. Hawks 3 2 1 12 3 4
Crook 3 2 1 5 2 4
Second Division 3 1 2 5 4

Leading Scorers: 4 - Maricic (Ad. City Giants), Boyle (Hawks), 3 - McGachey (Hawks), 2 - McKie (Hawks), McGachey (Hawks), Leane (Cumberland), Caggiano (Croatia), Durrant (Second Division), Leane (Croatia), Villani (Giants).

NEXT ROUND: Semi-finals - Ad. City Giants v. Croatia, West Ad. Hawks v. Cumberland.



David and Goliath - little Paul Gambin of George Cross had the task of shackling Croatia's Noel Mitten, and he did so well.

Holland wins 3-0 Croatia bids \$6000

WORLD CUP
Holland beat Cyprus 3-0 (half-time 1-0) in a World Cup European qualifying Group Two tie in Groningen.
Scorers: Hovenkamp (15th minute), Schapendonk (48th, 89th) (58).

SPAIN
Atletico Madrid 1 Hercules 0, Real Betis 1 Barcelona 1, Real Sociedad 1 Salamanca 0, Las Palmas 3 Real Zaragoza 0, Osasuna 1 Real Madrid 2, Valencia 2 Real Valladolid 2, Sporting 6 Almeria 2, Espanol 1 Athletic Bilbao 0, Real Murcia 0 Sevilla 0.

PORTUGAL
Belfica 4 Anora 1, Varzim 1 Porto 2, Belenenses 1 Sporting 1, Espinho 0 Maritimo Da Funchal 0, Paesfield 3 Fortitudoense 0, S. Paulo 3 Guimaraes 2, Braga 1 Académica Da Coimbra 0, Beira 1 Académico De Viseu 0.

ITALY
Juventus 1 Cagliari 0, Juventus 3 Torino 0, Catanzaro 2 Fiorentina 2, Inter 2 Como 1, Juventus 2 Brescia 0, Perugia 1 Udinese 2, Fiorentina 0 Napoli 1, Roma 1 Bologna 1.

Inter	18	9	0	3	28	12	24
Roma	18	9	0	3	28	12	24
Juventus	18	9	0	3	28	12	24
Napoli	17	7	0	3	18	12	21
Torino	17	6	0	5	22	17	20
Cagliari	16	4	10	4	18	17	18
Bologna	16	6	0	3	18	12	18
Catanzaro	16	3	10	5	14	18	18

GREECE
Olympiakos 1 Panathinaikos 0, Atromitos 0 Larissa 0, Panathinaikos 0 OFI 0, Panathinaikos 0, Kifisia 0, Dora 2 Aris 1, Panathinaikos 1, Aris 1, Kifisia 0, Apollon 0, PAOK 4, Keriras 0, Yvernia 1, Etnikos 1.

Olympiakos	22	16	3	3	35	10	35
Aris	22	13	5	4	40	18	31
AEK	22	11	7	4	37	24	28
PAOK	22	10	7	5	37	23	27

NETHERLANDS
Results of Cup quarter-finals: Antwerp 1 Standard 3, Hasselt 2, Westerlo 2, Molenbeek 1, Lierse 0, Beerschot 2, Lierse 2.

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Payne's battle

Few people would like to be in John Payne's shoes.

Payne has taken on the daunting task of coaching Victorian State League Altona which has lost more than half of last year's first team.

Peter Lewis and Stuart Cannell have joined Ajax, John Little has joined Preston, Brendon Farmer has joined George Cross, Rob Gramsbergen is unsettled, Billy Whyte and Dave Hoyland are overseas and Robbie Crow is trialing with German Second Division club Kickers Offenbach.

Altona is in debt and is not prepared to go further into the red. It's a simple fact of the club's soccer life that signing on fees are at a premium. The members accept the club's situation and the committee's determination to come to terms with the problem.

Altona must rely on its youth and the hope of signing players from lower league clubs.

Even though the quality of last year's squad is missing, the spirit among Altona players is first class.

Payne is confident that the players can do the club proud this year.

"I'm not going to be pessimistic about this season because I really believe in my players," he said.

"I'm expecting big things from Coz Oliva and Lars Murphy."

"I've seen Ringwood and I think we're a better side. By the start of the season Altona will have found the players it needs."

— CRAIG MAC KENZIE

McGuinness stays put

Queensland's Philips League aspirant Townsville Kern United is expected to sign Cliff White-side from Victorian club Slavia.

Townsville tried to sign 1980 Victorian Rothmans Medalist Bobby McGuinness from Juventus but the diminutive Scottish striker has decided to stay in Melbourne for business reasons.

McGuinness was impressed with the Townsville set-up when he flew up to Queensland two weeks ago.

"The facilities are first class and the club is backed by a consortium of about 15 big sponsors," said McGuinness.

McGuinness was given three options by Juventus before flying to Townsville.

He was told he could sign with Townsville, accept Juventus's offer or stand out of soccer for a year.

When he was in Townsville, Kern United ran a full page advertisement in a local paper asking for sponsors to raise the money for McGuinness's transfer fee. Within an hour of the paper going on sale the \$11,000 on McGuinness's head had been raised.

According to McGuinness, Kern United has been told that as soon as the PSL is increased to perhaps 18 teams Kern will gain acceptance.

But last year's leading Victorian State League scorer felt that his job opportunities in Melbourne are too good to pass up.

He's likely to accept Juventus's terms for this option year of his contract.

GREIG NO OUTSIDER

In response to Johnny Warren's comments last week, Newcastle TV commentator Dave Fordham has pointed out that cricketer Tony Greig is not an "outsider" in soccer. Fordham says Greig was on the committee of Wimbledon in the English Fourth Division.

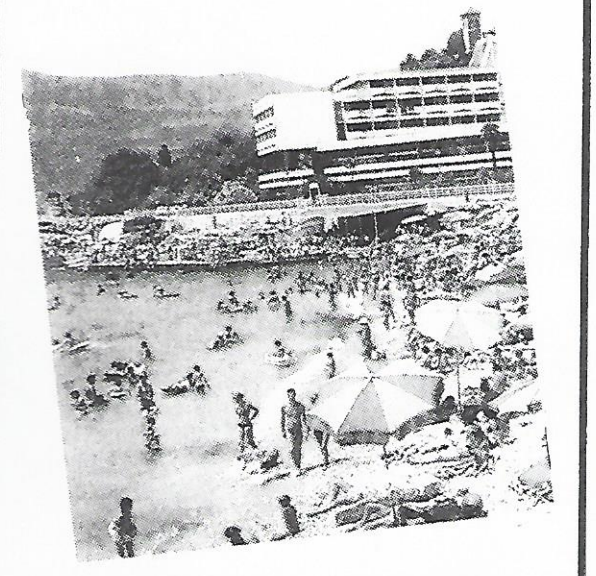
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CUP SCORES

Victorian results:	Glenorchy walkover against Hawthorn, Box Hill 3 Moorabie 0, Box Hill 2 University 0.
METRO LEAGUE CUP	Dandenong 3 Kallit Australia 5, Park Ranger 2 Moorabie 1, Melbourne 3, Colony 2, Springvale 3, Royal Park 4, Praeger Mahadima 4, Kaysborough 2, Murrumbidgee 2, Seabury 0, Fawkner 2, Port Melbourne 0, Waverley 1, Heidelberg United 2, Moorabie 1, Praeger 3.
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP	Hampden Rangers 0 Moorabie 1, Nathan United 2, Yarraville 5, A.E.T./South Adelaide 2, Box Hill 0, East Brunswick 0 Moorabie 4, Langwarrin 2, Laker 0, Newsworld United 0, Kaysborough 2, Kaysborough 1, South Yarra 0, Reservoir 1, Moor United 0 West Melbourne 3, Berwick 0, Reservoir 0 (Berwick won 5-4 on penalties), Melton 0, North Geelong 4, Hawthorn 0, Thornbury 2, Glenorchy 0, Caulfield 1, Clifton Hill 1, Beller 0, Box Hill 1 University 1 (University won 4-2 on penalties).
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE RESERVES CUP	South Adelaide walkover against Praeger, Thornbury 5 Kaysborough 2, Berwick 0, Beller 2, Caulfield 0, Moorabie 3, South Yarra 1, North Geelong 5, East Brunswick 2, Hampden Rangers 3, Yarraville 0, Hawthorn 4, Newsworld United 1.

Cross at No. 2 ground

George Cross will play at Olympic Park No. 2 this season. It applied last week for use of the ground and permission will be granted.

Juniors wanted

Croydon City is looking for juniors from under 7 to under 16.

Croydon offers young players a night session and the opportunity to play at half time of senior games.

Boys who would like to join up should contact Laurie Cooper on 758 0750 after about 6.30 pm.

Seeking move
Kellor Austria midfielder Glen Downard is looking for another club.

Downard, 24, has also played for

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VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

'CROSS CAN BEAT HAKOAH

George Cross coach Archie Campbell will learn more about the extent of his side's improvement when it clashes with Hakoah at Chaplin Reserve this Sunday.

The Cross has bought Ged Bannon, Dave Rigby, Harry McKinlay and Brian Flaherty and former Ajax amateur Paul Gambin crossed for free. Bannon has added the drive and power which was missing in midfield last year. Rigby is a creative player with the ability to hold possession. McKinlay looked particularly good last week against Croatia when coming forward and young Gambin stuck to his task and battled hard at right back. Flaherty's substitution at half time last week was a surprise as he was having a good tussle with Croatia right back Steve Short.

Bannon and Rigby will be keen to prove a point to their former club Hakoah. Cross has more to play for as Hakoah has all but sealed a semi-final berth while Cross has won only one game.

If Jim Paparas can gain more support up front Cross can knock off Hakoah.

The clash between Richie McClinton and Laurie Bilusic could be a telling factor but Buncie is gaining success from playing Graham French in midfield. When French plays as central striker he is closely marked and seems to be relishing the extra freedom of his midfield role.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

NORTHCOTE v. Croydon at Olympic Park, Saturday 7.30 pm.

ALTONA v. CROATIA at Olympic Park, Saturday, about 8.40 pm.

HAKOAH v. GEORGE CROSS at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

JUVENTUS v. FRANKSTON at Croydon Park, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

RINGWOOD v. FRANKSTON at Croydon Park, Sunday, 2.45 pm.

DOVETON v. AJAX at Croydon Park, Sunday, about 4.10 pm.

Chris Kent has had a disappointing start to the season but his superb goal against Ringwood last week could give him the mental lift which could turn his game around. Once Kent starts enjoying his game he'll terrorise most defenders.

In the other Chaplin Reserve clash Juventus should take both points from Sunshine to add its claim for a semi-final berth in the closely-fought battle in group B.

With four sides locked together on four points Juve must beat Sunshine well. Goal difference could be a decisive factor in separating the group B sides at the end of the preliminary round of the Ampol Cup.

The stiffest task facing the Shiners is how to shackle the irrepressible Bobby McGuinness. McGuinness missed Juve's first two Cup games but returned last week, scored twice and is equal leading scorer in the competition.

Altona's spirit might not be enough to stop Croatia's search for a goal spree this Saturday night at Olympic Park.

The way Carl Gilder's playing one-legged Long John Silver could notch a hat-trick feeding off the superb lay-offs from the Croatia striker.

Northcote could provide Croydon with a few headaches in the opening game of Olympic Park's double header.

Sakis Sahinidis and Philip Palausso were impressive against Juventus last week. Indeed the 1-3 scoreline failed to reflect Northcote's pressure which was often thwarted on the Juve goal line.

The Doveton back four has worked overtime in the Doves' three cup matches and will have to withstand the onslaught from Kevin Wall, Gus McLeod and Bill Morrey to save face at Croydon Park this Sunday.

Ajax should win but last week's late lapse against the never-say-die Shiners will give coach Bobby McLachlan nightmares if it occurs again. The second Croydon Park clash should see Frankston scrape home against Ringwood which showed improvement last week against Hakoah. But Ringwood lacks bite up front and Danny McCuskey, Bob Adams and Co. should prove too tough to bypass.

Gilder sparks Croatia

Hakoah cemented its place in the semi-finals of the Victorian Ampol Cup with a lacklustre display against Ringwood which was denied a chance late in the game to carry the contest into extra time when Hakoah keeper Mike Fryszer reacted brilliantly to save a penalty attempt from Ringwood striker Ian Greenor.

A stunning 25-metre thunderbolt from Hakoah striker Chris Kent was enough to settle the issue and leave Fred Buncie's charges sitting snugly on top of group A as the only side in the competition to gain maximum points from three games.

One of Ringwood's best players was newcomer David Brooks who looks to be a find as a central defender.

The other game at Jubilee Park featured Croydon and Doveton.

The Doves fell in the last touch of extra time — a header from Jimmy Spinks — but poor finishing by Croydon early in the first half ruined what should have been a comfortable lead at half time. Tall central defender Steve McCombe was the biggest offender but he ruled the airways throughout the game.

The Doves are desperate to give striker Steve Irvine a partner up front. Disgruntled winger Alan Quin still has not settled his differences with the club.

Quin won't budge and neither will the Doveton committee.

Croydon's best was former Slavia midfielder Paul Wade. His performance must have left a few Doveton supporters and officials envious. Wade is a former Doveton junior.

Doveton newcomer Norman Wilcox acquitted himself well. He was picked up by chance as he met a club member and showed interest in having a run. After two weeks' training the nuggety Scot was given the opportunity to show his worth and could prove useful this season.

Frankston and Altona fought out an even encounter at Kim Reserve. Frankston coach John Pryde was prompted to comment in his after match summary:

"These sides out there today were the two worst sides I've seen in the State League in the last ten years!"

But Pryde's comments were overshadowed by the verbal exchanges between Frankston stopper Danny McCuskey and Altona striker Nat Little.

Spectators nearby were treated to some gems of invective and a brief introduction to the history of religious intolerance in Britain and Ireland.

Frankston newcomer Robbie Stewart, who switched from Hellas last week, was rarely sighted and will need a few more weeks to settle in. He showed some fine one-touch soccer and given better support could be invaluable.

The Baysiders hit the front when referee Hemmes harshly awarded a handball against Altona and Bill Buchanan calmly struck home his penalty attempt.

Bob "Dixie" Adams completed the scoreline with a second-half header which escaped the grasp of Altona keeper Dennis Masseni and rolled into the back of the net.

Altona was best served by little George Waters whose non-stop running and encouragement will be an important asset if the club is to fight its way out of its current plight.

Kevin Wilson and Little did well while Frankston's best were Buchanan, Adams and McCuskey.

The second match at Kim Reserve wouldn't have got underway but for Altona's gesture in allowing Juventus to wear the Altona strip. Someone at Juve should check the possibility of a color clash with the opposition strip before heading to the match.

The Juventus players quickly changed into Altona's strip and proceeded to tear Northcote apart for the opening 10 minutes.

In this period Bobby McGuinness opened the scoring when he turned quickly and shot into the far corner of goal.

Northcote weathered the storm and started to hit back.

Juve lost all control of the midfield and Northcote attacked down its right side where Sakis Sahinidis gave Harry Hird a bath for the remainder of the half.

The Northerners were thwarted by the lightning-fast reflexes of Juve keeper Alex Fantoma but

not even the diminutive Fantoma could react quickly enough to stop Philip Palausso's shot from close range after Sahinidis had "skinned" Hird and crossed.

Fabio Incantalupo, celebrating his call-up to the Australian youth team, hammered a blistering drive which cannoned onto and over the bar late in the half.

But McGuinness stunned the Northerners with a superb solo goal two minutes into the second half.

The 1980 Rothmans Medalist picked up the ball almost on the half way line, moved into top gear and took off for the Northcote goal. He flashed past three players, rounded keeper Sakis Tachiris and tapped the ball home.

Incantalupo nabbed Juve's third when he followed up Mendo Ristovski's swerving free kick.

Ajax finally struck goals, with Kevin Wall producing his best scoring touch in beating Sunshine 4-2 at Olympic Park last Friday.

It's amazing what two goals did for Wall's confidence in the first half. He strolled around in complete control, releasing the ball as he pleased.

Gus McLeod opened his Australian scoring account when Dale Woods completely misjudged the bounce of a long header from Stuart Cannell.

Ajax keeper Lou Denys had a dismal game, twice dropping balls and allowing John Mudrinic and Andy Esposito to nip in and add respectability to the score line.

Croatia was in scintillating first half form in the second game of last Friday night's double header.

The George Cross of last year probably would have succumbed to the onslaught but Cross is much more competitive and has made some astute buys.

Harry McKinlay had an outstanding game at left



BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

All the details

GREEN GULLY AJAX (Wall 2, McLeod, Morrey) **SUNSHINE** 2 (Mudrinic, Esposito) at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING: 9. Referee: Voutzinas 8.

AJAX: Denys 4 - Lawrie 7, Cannell 6, Gardiner 7, Hodgson 7 (Barnett 3rd) - Bennett 5, Vassallo 6, Greenan 6 - Wall 7, McLeod 6, Morrey 7.

SUNSHINE: Woods 4 - Campbell 4 (Dixey H.T. 6), Ellis 6, Nelson 7, Morovic 6 - Scott 4 (Bogolia 6th), Esposito 6, McNally 6, Vanderschryne 4 - Mudrinic 6, McRobert 7.

CROATIA 2 (Gilder, Batynovic) **GEORGE CROSS** 0 at Olympic Park. MATCH RATING: 9. Referee: Henderson 9.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Short 7, Kitecka 7, Kerr 7, Blavner 8 - Tront 6, Adams 7, Murphy 8 - Batynovic 7, McKinn 7, Gilder 8.

GEORGE CROSS: Amos 8 - Gambin 7, Bilusic 6, Wilkinson 6, McKinn 9 - Bannon 7, Rigby 7, Farmer 6 (Ziegelaar 5th) - Papera 6, Mizi 6, Flaherty 7 (Bink H.T.).

FRANKSTON 2 (Buchanan pen, Adams) **ALTONA** 0 at Kim Reserve. MATCH RATING: 6. Referee: Hamilton 6.

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 - Thomson 7, McCuskey 7, Adams 7, Ormond 6 - Webb 4 (Campbell 6th), Cooper 7, Buchanan 7 - Stewart 5, Young 6, Burroughs 8 (Reader 6th).

ALTONA: Masseni 8 - P. Wilson 6, K. Wilson 7, Kilpatrick 7, Gotawa 6 (McGarrigle H.T. 6) - Walters 7, Innes 6, Murphy 6 (Hannell 6th) - Lewis 6, Little 7, Deluca 6.

NORTHCOTE 1 (Palausso) **JUVENTUS** 3 (McGuinness 2, Incantalupo) at Kim Reserve. MATCH RATING: 8. Referee: McIntyre 4.

NORTHCOTE: Tachiris 6 - Batticchio 6 - Stiglmayr 9 (Louskas 4th), Kallitridis 7, Bogolia 7, Falco 6 d (Nicholas 8 (Louskas 8th), Gatzonia 6, Rujovic 7 - Sahinidis 7, Palausso 7).

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 7 - Donaldson 7, McMillan 7, Creamy 7, Hird 7 - Smith 7 (Mogolia 6th), Tachiris 6, Sennol 6 (Cavillari 4th) - Ristovski 7, McGuinness 5, Incantalupo 7.

RINGWOOD 0 **HAKOAH** 1 (Kent) at Jubilee Park. MATCH RATING: 5. Referee: Breijman 5.

RINGWOOD: Earm 7 - Pamen 7, Groenewald 6, Brooks 6, Layton 6 - Anderson 7, Mait 5, O'Colligan 6 - Thom 8, Gresser 6, Reid 4 (Veniers 6th).

HAKOAH: Fryzer 8 - Wilson 7, Gashby 6, Jordanou 7, Rooney 6 - Blair 6, McNeil 6 (Sessa 6th), French 7 - Webster 7, McCulkin 6, Kent 5 (Thompson 6th).

CROYDON 3 (Spinks) **DOVETON** 0 at Jubilee Park. MATCH RATING: 6. Referee: Hamilton 6.

CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Spinks 7, McCombe 7, Pongha 7, Hobson 6 - Brogan 6, Wade 6, Smith 6, Howarth 6 (Jed Brown 6th) - P. Laughane 6, Syllie 6 (Abbott 6th).

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 - McCoolville 7, Corke 7, Merrick 6, Thurlock 6 (Campbell 6th) - Trala 6, Bentley 6, Wilkes 6 - Cherry 6 (Collyer 6th), Irvine 7, McDonald 4.

Ampol Cup standings:

GROUP A					
	W	L	F	A	P
Hakoah.....	3	0	5	1	6
Croatia.....	2	1	7	2	4
Frankston.....	1	1	4	4	4
George Cross.....	1	2	2	3	2
Ringwood.....	1	2	1	3	2
Altona.....	0	3	0	6	0

GROUP B					
	W	L	F	A	P
Juventus.....	2	1	6	3	4
Croydon.....	2	1	4	2	4
Northcote.....	2	1	6	5	4
Ajax.....	2	1	6	5	4
Doveton.....	1	2	3	6	2
Sunshine.....	0	3	3	7	0

Ampol Cup goalscorers' list:

2 - Murphy, Batynovic (Croatia), McGuinness, Incantalupo (Juventus), Spinks (Croydon), Tsatsos (Northcote), Wall (Ajax), Webster (Hakoah), Adams (Frankston).

1 - Gatzonia, Sahinidis, Nicolaides, Palausso (Northcote), Lewis, Cannell, McLeod, Morrey (Ajax), Gilder, Tront, Adams (Croatia), Collyer, Train, Thurlock (Doveton), Scott, Mudrinic, Esposito (Sunshine), Gillan, Ristovski (Juventus), Willy, Brogan (Croydon), McCulkin, French, Kent (Hakoah), Delyannis, Buchanan (Frankston), Rigby, Mizzi (George Cross).

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GILLAN APPEAL

Victorian State League club Juventus has lodged an appeal against the decision of the VSF Appeals board to lower the transfer fee of disgruntled Juventus striker George Gillan from \$4,000 to \$1500.

Alex Nelson is keen to leave Juve and join State League newcomer Northcote. There's about \$3500 on his head but his case has yet to be heard by the Appeals Board. Bruno Sabidussi has joined Metro Second Division club Fawkner for \$2000.

Tiziano Cavallari has business commitments which make it difficult for him to train. He has been training through the day and Juve coach Joe Wilson may give Cavallari a run to determine the fitness of Juve's top 1980 recruit.

The club signed Scottish recruit Andy McMillan last Friday.

McMillan played with Darvel in Scotland. He's a strong 26 year old defender. Juventus probably will import three players this year.

Nacional in Hong Kong brawl

Nacional of Uruguay left Hong Kong last week and headed for home after a "friendly" match against a Hong Kong team which erupted into a pitched battle in which iron bars and flag sticks were used.

Nacional was invited to play two "friendly" matches with South China — a leading Hong

The first match yesterday ended in a 4-2 win to the Uruguayans. But a brawl broke out in the second game when a Nacional forward collided with South China goalie, Shing Wai-luen.

The benches of both teams emptied on to the field and were involved in the 10-minute virtual free-for-all.

each other up and down the field. Kicking, wrestling and boxing made some witnesses wince.

A South China player said: "It was bloody frightening."

Chan Chung-Yeung — assistant coach of another leading Hong Kong side, Caroline Hill

The games were played behind closed doors. Only officials, players and a few observers were present.

Officials were tightlipped about injuries and the brawl was not reported to police.

The Nacional players headed for Los Angeles today, where they were scheduled to

THE VICTORIAN SCENE



Elvio Pugliese learns the hard way in the Slavia goal.

Murney angered by McElhinney more

The good relationship between Victorian Metro First Division clubs Park Rangers and Morwell Falcons has ended according to Rangers' coach Hugh Murney.

"Last week the Falcons signed Paddy McElhinney and I'm really sorry to see him go," said Murney.

"I rate Caddy as the best midfielder in the Metro Leagues. What angers me is the way things were done behind my back," he added.

"A few weeks ago Paddy came to me and told me that Falcons had made him an offer but he decided to turn it down."

"Then we played a practice game two weeks ago on a Saturday, and someone from Falcons made another approach to Paddy. The next day, Sunday, he was playing in a practice match for them and at training on Tuesday night he told me he'd decided to accept their offer."

"Imagine a player as good as McElhinney switching clubs for only \$200," Murney added.

Falcons have swooped upon at least four players in a move which has established them as favorites for the First Division title.

The club has signed Frankston City keeper Bill Whiteside, Albion Rovers midfielder Jimmy MacKay and Sandringham midfielder Paul Thomson and is keen to sign disgruntled Doveton winger Alan Quin.

It looks likely that the Falcons will regain the services of Irishman Tommy Lakey and Scotsman Graham Irvine, both of whom are overseas.

Park Rangers hope to sign Ian McCarthy from Richmond for \$1,000 and are in the market for Quin.

Rangers' keeper Paul Vassiliou was reported to be going to State League newcomer Northcote for about \$3,500 but the deal has fallen through and he will stay with Rangers.

The Rangers are trying to sign Tom O'Halloran but Terry Hargreaves looks likely to sign with Frankston Pines for about \$200.

"Losing McElhinney has made us more determined to get a good side together," said Murney.

"I'm badly in need of a striker and I think our aim this year will be to consolidate our First Division status."

"It's not easy to compete with Falcons' money."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Pugliese shuns State League

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Good Victorian State League keepers must have reached plague proportions this year.

That's the only conclusion you can draw when the top polling keeper in the 1980 Rothmans Medal hasn't been approached by other clubs.

And he's on a free transfer because of his amateur status!

But Slavia keeper Elvio Pugliese has snubbed the State League and is heading for Italy on March 11 in the most daring move of his short goalkeeping life.

Pugliese will trial with Italian Second Division club Taranto for three months. Depending on the outcome of the trial he could be in Italy for at least a year.

"My uncle is president of a lower provincial club close to Taranto and he arranged the trial," said Pugliese. "Soccer at that level is big business. There must be thousands of guys trying to make it and you've got to get the breaks to succeed."

"What one manager sees in one player he mightn't see in another. With goalkeepers luck plays an important part in whether you get signed or not. You've just got to hope that you make the right saves at the right time when the manager is watching. But if I don't make it with Taranto I'll knock on as many doors as I can till I get a chance to prove myself."

From the lower rungs of the Metropolitan League to Slavia to Taranto would be a meteoric rise. Especially within two years. Pugliese had a strong athletic background before turning to soccer.

He held the Victoria under-12 shot put and discus title and in 1972 he was the Victoria under-15 and under-16 judo champion.

He switched to soccer with one of his friends in 1974 and Metro Fourth Division club Sandringham was closest to his home.

"When I went down to Sandy for the first time I can remember walking into the clubrooms and seeing a group of guys lounging about drinking beer. I couldn't believe it when I found out that half of them were on the committee. Then I went out and trained and one of the players wanted to fight the coach. I wondered what I'd got myself into."

"If I'd joined a higher club I could have learned more from more skilful players. And had I learned at an earlier age I could have gone further than I have done so far."

Pugliese started with Sandringham's third team because he wasn't good enough for the reserves. The reserve team keeper had two fingers missing. Not exactly a confidence booster for a 17 year old.

Eventually Sandringham was desperate for a first team keeper. Pugliese and present Frankston Pines keeper Dave Stutchbury were vying for the number one spot.

When Pugliese got his chance he quickly established himself. He soon gained a reputation as one of the most aggressive keepers in the Metropolitan League.

"The Fourth Division is rough and tough and I was forced to learn to protect myself."

"Local derbies between Sandringham and Moorabbin were always hard fought. Some of these Moorabbin guys would do anything to score. You had no choice but to match their aggression," said Pugliese.

Harry Chalkitis was coach of Slavia in 1980 when Pugliese joined. Chalkitis had tried to sign the promising keeper a year earlier but Pugliese found it hard to leave his friends at Sandringham. So why did he finally make the break and why did he choose Slavia?

"The year I knocked back Harry's offer was a good one for me because I gained a lot of confidence. I dominated the area that year. It's probably the only good thing I gained at Sandringham."

"I picked Slavia because I thought I would get a chance to prove myself there. I was adamant that I would remain an amateur because I wanted to see if I could prove myself in the State League."

"I didn't want to be tied down at the end of my first State League season and I was warned by many players that Slavia was notorious for obtaining players at reasonably cheap prices and getting rid of them for a substantial profit."

"But Slavia's not the only club guilty of treating some players like that. The difference at Slavia is that buying and selling players has become an important part of the club's survival. Without the profit made on some player deals and the money given to the club by John Kosnar and Vince French I think Slavia would really struggle to survive."

Pugliese's initial State League season was promising. He looked nervous and his inexperience showed on a number of occasions in early matches but as the season progressed he got into the rhythm of the higher standard.

"One I settled in I found the State League to be easy. It really isn't as glamorous as lower league players think it is and I reckon that any young guy with potential should give the State League a go. He might be surprised when he finds out that it's not the great jump in standard he thought it was."

Pugliese's biggest bug bear is the lack of expert goalkeeper training in Australia.

"Training for keepers is almost non-existent here."

"No-one has helped me work on my angles or my catching techniques. I've had to pick up bits and pieces from watching other keepers. It's a hopeless situation if you're keen to improve yourself. Take a look around and see how many keepers here are competent at taking goal kicks. See how many can throw out with either hand."

On December 5 last year Pugliese quit his job with Telecom to prepare himself for his assault on the professional world of Italian soccer.

He trains five nights a week and has been involved in intensive gymnasium work to improve his muscle tone and build up his shoulders and upper body.

Travelling with Taranto is his greatest challenge. "I've got to find out if I can compete at that level of professionalism. I've got nothing to lose and hopefully I'll learn a great deal about the technique of goalkeeping."

"I can only gain by the experience. If Pugliese succeeds there will be a few red faced club officials in the State League."



The above picture Newcastle KB winger Graham Heys attempting an overhead kick against St. George in a 1980 PSL match. Our reader's picture was submitted by Harry Carroll of 57 Kingsway Avenue, Rankin Park, Newcastle.

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SOCCER ACTION

Back Row, left to right: Joe Wilson (Coach), Fabio Incantatupo (from juniors), Paul Romano (from juniors), John Creany (from Scotland 1980), Harry Hird (from Altona 1981), Lucio Salsi (from Croydon 1981), Peter Donaldson (from Sunshine 1981), Loy Salsi (from Croydon 1981), Alex Fantoma (from Clayton 1979), John Innes (assistant coach).
Front Row: Paul Petridis (from Yarraville 1981), Fausto Tarquinio (from juniors), Mendo Riatovski (from Hellas 1980), John DiQuattro (from juniors), Charlie Smith (from Scotland 1981, ex-Patrick Thistle), Lou Sennipoli (from juniors), Bobby McGuinness (from Hellas 1978).

Juventus was formed in 1949 by Tony Iannucci, the first president. When former Olympic cyclist Nino Biondi took over the club's reins, he led the team to a full Juventus has had countless Victorian league titles and a place in the pre-war history of Victorian soccer. Its impressive honours list includes: Third Division champion 1949; First Division champion 1952, 53, 54, 55, 56; State League champion 1959, 1970; Dockerty Cup winner 1960, 70, 71, 72, 77; Armstrong Cup winner 1952, 55, 56; State League Cup winner 1958, 69, 70; Ampol Cup winner 1959; 'World Cup' winner (as Italy) 1955, 60.



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Tony Labbozzetta with the 1980 Phillips Cup, won by Marconi.

Italian national coach Enzo Bearzot and one of his predecessors, Feruccio Valcareggi, may be brought to Australia by Marconi for coaching seminars in May.

The Phillips League must aim at breaking itself into two — an eastern and a western division, with the winners playing off for the national championship.

Rudi Gutendorf must limit his demands on PSL players, lest he weakens clubs in the PSL championship. It is more important to have strong clubs than a strong national team.

The new PSL club nicknames are just that — they are not to replace the existing names.

Renato Colusso may be heading back to Marconi. These are some of the highlights of an interview by "Soccer Action" editor **Laurie Schwab** with Marconi president **Tony Labbozzetta**, leader of one of the most successful clubs in Australian soccer.

Labbozzetta is asked about the Scheinflug-Vieri drama of last year, the soccer marketing scheme and much more.

SCHWAB: Many supporters are saying that the new club nicknames are making Phillips League soccer into a laughing stock. Even some of the clubs are saying so, yet the clubs themselves voted to introduce the nicknames. Please explain.

LABBOZZETTA: Yes, we gave our approval to the nicknames. We hope they'll help lure a new group of people to the game. We have our committed supporters, and we're in no danger of losing them. What we want now is the non-committed, maybe even fans

of other codes. Maybe it's easier for such people to identify with the nick names, but it's too early to say.

SCHWAB: But names of this type are out of character with Australian soccer which has vastly different traditions.

LABBOZZETTA: OK, they may be hard for us to take, but we at least can have a go. Let's give it a chance.

SCHWAB: But the names have been changing with such regularity that the fans must be getting thoroughly confused.

LABBOZZETTA: It is confusing, initially. Our club added the suburb name of Fairfield into the existing name, Marconi. This created closer contact with the community, it led to variations with the local council, and local people got more involved with us.

SCHWAB: Now, according to the PSL, you're not Marconi Fairfield but Marconi Leopards.

LABBOZZETTA: As far as I'm concerned, Leopards is not our official name, but rather a nickname. The Sharks in Rugby League for example. A talking point, nothing more.

SCHWAB: But the PSL apparently wants these names popularized and constantly used by the media. This leads to another problem. Specialist papers aimed at the converted will use the traditional names to cater to the wishes of its readers. Daily papers may use the nicknames. The latter, in ethnic papers, I am sure, will never use the nicknames.

LABBOZZETTA: They're not likely to. The names won't translate. They'd be laughable.

SCHWAB: So there will continue to be confusion.

LABBOZZETTA: Look, we have to try to develop a system of

SCHWAB: But this is not our own. It is stolen from the United States.

LABBOZZETTA: Maybe our society can absorb American soccer more readily than European ideas. Look at what's acceptable to the marketplace today. Most marketing is US-oriented.

SCHWAB: Are you satisfied with the activities of the ASF marketing division so far?

PSL should split into two sections

LABBOZZETTA: No. They'll have to do a lot more. The marketing division is costing the PSL \$50,000 for 12 months, plus extras. At the moment, we have no idea how they will spend that money. I and others voiced disapproval at the way the recent charity game between Marconi and Sydney City was handled. It was a bad TV production, and the marketing people did little towards getting sponsorship for the game or promoting it.

SCHWAB: Obviously you're hoping the marketing division will generate good sponsorship for the league and for individual clubs.

LABBOZZETTA: Sure. If nothing else, at least we could get enough to perhaps remove the burden of each club having to pay the \$10,000 or \$12,000 affiliation fee to the league. If we see results, we'll be happy to put in even more money. But we have to keep on their backs. They have to get involved more in Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane, where clubs need the most assistance because they do not have the advantage of poker machines.

It is up to the marketing people to investigate the problems of each club and give guidance on how to attract money. It's a fact that they are all in need. So many clubs exist only because supporters dig deep into their pockets, or conduct a lot of chook raffles. As costs go up, they will find it harder and harder to make ends meet. The big, wealthy clubs will forge ahead, and the little ones will struggle and perhaps fall by the wayside. Take away Sydney City, Marconi, APIA and now Sydney West, and what other clubs can boast of having a rich

social club as their foundation?

SCHWAB: Isn't it true though, that these soccer clubs could drop their soccer activities if they summed their too good of a financial burden? Western Suburbs did just that.

LABBOZZETTA: Sure, if they decided soccer was no longer a proposition, they could withdraw their support, but that isn't likely to happen to the clubs I've mentioned.

SCHWAB: What kind of a deficit does Marconi make on soccer activities?

LABBOZZETTA: We could be down \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year, but we make up for it in other ways. The social club, for example, makes money from having people at the games.

SCHWAB: Adelaide City announced a huge deficit of several thousand dollars last year.

LABBOZZETTA: That was largely due to its building expenditure.

SCHWAB: Everyone in the league hopes for increased attendances to ease the financial strain. Do you think crowds will go up this year?

LABBOZZETTA: We've got TV back on board. This will help stimulate interest. The 50-50 supporters may come back permanently. People who gave soccer away years ago, may be lured back through TV. The sports fan who would otherwise take the kids to the Rugby may instead decide to go down the road to see Marconi.

SCHWAB: You don't think that the very nature of Channel 0 means it is preaching to the converted?

LABBOZZETTA: Not at all. I speak to Australian friends who tell me they often watch Channel 0 because they enjoy the change and appreciate the quality of the programmes.

SCHWAB: It's also important to the PSL and to the progress of soccer in general that the national team qualifies for the World Cup finals. Are you confident it will do so?

LABBOZZETTA: I think we have an excellent chance. I really believe that. However, I don't think the players are really mentally prepared at the moment. There have been a lot of problems with Rudi Gutendorf, which makes it hard for the boys.

SCHWAB: Could you explain that...

LABBOZZETTA: He's been criticised by players in the Press. If a player has a problem, he should help sort it out as quickly and effectively as possible. He's said that Krncevic has personal problems lately. Instead of saying so in the papers, he should have got together with Krncevic and helped iron out the problems. He talks about professionalism

We can't treat our players as if they were professionals because the fact is that they are not. They are semi-professionals. That is the reality of the situation.

SCHWAB: If Australia doesn't qualify for the World Cup, will interest in soccer decline, with the result that PSL attendances will fall?

LABBOZZETTA: I don't think it should affect us greatly. We weren't affected much in 1978, the year after we failed to qualify for the last World Cup. Many other countries fail to qualify, and it isn't a big calamity. If we do qualify, on the other hand, it will present the marketing people with a wonderful opportunity to boost the domestic game.

SCHWAB: You have Prskanovic, Krncevic, Henderson, Sharma and Maher in the national team, and Raskopoulos and Colusso in the youth team. Can you seriously expect league success in the future if the domestic game is made on these players this year?

LABBOZZETTA: In the end, it's the clubs that have to succeed, not the national team. Without strong clubs, we do not have a strong national team and we do not have a soccer future. I will talk to Rudi and ask him to keep his demands reasonable.

SCHWAB: Many people will argue that the national team is more important than the clubs. But while talking about national

MONEY MAGIC with Michael Morley

So far this year I have been recommending planned entries costing between \$1.50 and \$5. If there are any 'pools punting' readers who want to invest in a more expensive plan but are not sure how to go about it, then please write to me c/o 'Soccer Action' and I will do my best to help you.

Many of this week's matches look evenly balanced and it could pay you to select a few games from each ladder in both the English and Scottish divisions.

One game that appeals in particular as a score draw is the English first division encounter between Coventry and Ipswich. Although Ipswich are one of the main contenders in this season's championship race, they haven't fared too well at Coventry in recent years. From the past six corresponding matches on this ground, the score stands at two home wins for Coventry while the other four games were drawn. The scores were: 4-1, 2-2, 1-1, 1-0 and 3-1. Ipswich are undoubtedly the better side on recent form, but I have a feeling that Coventry will hold them to another draw. In the same division we could see the struggling Leicester hold out against Notts Forest. As this in the latter we might see a close finish between Norwich and Brighton who are both having a poor season, while Tottenham look good enough to take one point from their visit to Sunderland.

In the second division I expect to see some close results at Bristol R., Grimsby, Oldham and Q.P.R. The strongest looking home winners in this ladder appear to be Cambridge and Notts C., and West Ham seen assured of both points in its journey to Watford.

The best of my other score draw selections from the English ladders are the games at Carlisle, Gillingham, Bournemouth, Bradford C., Halifax, Torquay and York.

In division one of the Scottish league it could pay you to include the matches at Berwick, Clydebank, Falkirk and Motherwell.

My planned entry for this week covers 20 matches and if you would like to try this bet I have left a blank line in the diagram for your selections.

It will involve four entries of system 11 and at 50 cents each the investment is \$2.

Choose your 20 matches and then reading from left to right put your best two selections in the first two spaces in the blank line. It doesn't matter in what order you place your other selections. When you have entered all your selections on the blank line use the corresponding X's as set out in the diagram as you transfer your match numbers on to the entry forms.

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With eight score draws in any one of the four system entries you would automatically be assured of a first dividend.

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Until next week, good luck and good punting.

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CLASH

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that most of the clubs outside the PSL are getting weaker? LABBOZZETTA: That's natural. People want to see the stronger clubs, the glamorous players.

SCHWAB: But the real strength of soccer lies in the number of people involved at all levels. If this strength is diminished, isn't it unwise to shrug it off?

LABBOZZETTA: Sure, on paper we have numerical strength, but what does it mean? In the end, the most important thing is to have a powerful, well-attended senior league which becomes the focal point for all that involvement down the ranks. At the moment we need co-ordination all the way down the line. For example, juniors shouldn't play at the same time or on the same day as the PSL. How can we create idols for the kids if the kids cannot go to see them because they are playing games of their own? They should play on Saturdays instead, or early enough on Sundays to allow them to go to the PSL game in the afternoon.

SCHWAB: Would you also advocate that the State League and other leagues play on Saturdays instead of Sunday?

LABBOZZETTA: Sure. It is important to soccer to have only one or two big games in each capital city on a Sunday and that all soccer supporters go to that big game. On the Saturday we, the PSL supporters, will go to the minor league games.

SCHWAB: That suggestion is met by hostility from many State officials. The NSW president, Karl Rodny, for example, would not be pleased.

LABBOZZETTA: Rodny seems to be having his own private war with Sir Arthur George. He must see where the greatest potential is. Look, we all spend a lot of time striving to make this game go —

we could be spending with our wives and kids. All levels of the sport should get together in a positive manner and forget about politics. We had NSW appointing Rasic as State coach recently. I have obviously aimed at getting at Sir Arthur. But Sir Arthur is equally as stubborn. He says Rasic will never coach Australia as long as he, Sir Arthur, is ASL president. That's ridiculous. If Rasic can bring success and if he qualifies for the job, he should get it. If Scheinfuf can give us success, he should be coach. If Gutendorf is the man, then we should back him. It's no good closing doors in advance. Too many people seem to be having private feuds. A major overhaul is needed in relationships between PSL, State and juniors. We have improved our soccer, we now have TV, and have greater media coverage than ever before. Why don't we, the administration, improve as well?

SCHWAB: Talking about Sir Arthur, who do you think will be his ultimate successor?

LABBOZZETTA: There's Frank Lowy, PSL chairman, who has proved qualities of leadership as head of the Westfield company. There's Peter McCann, who's been involved for long enough.

SCHWAB: How do you see the Arthur George era of Australia soccer? Are you satisfied with his achievements?

LABBOZZETTA: Sir Arthur has done a great job. He is what one would call a dictator. If he succeeds, if the methods are justified and in many cases, he has succeeded. However, when he does retire, the show will continue. As the saying goes, "The king is dead, long live the king."

SCHWAB: Ever-increasing transfer fees are one of the problems faced by the PSL. Can the problem be solved by removing transfer fees after a player's contract period?

LABBOZZETTA: I don't think we're ready for that. I would make a few clubs all-powerful while others would get weaker, for once there are no transfer fees, the clubs that are able to offer the most to players in signing-on fees and wages, will get all the best players.

SCHWAB: I reckon that's already the case, because the richest clubs can afford the biggest transfer fees and get the best players that way.

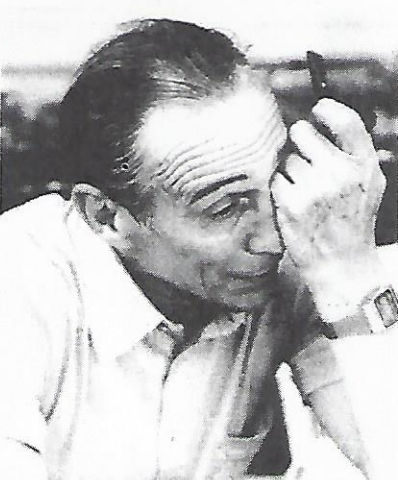
LABBOZZETTA: Yeah, but at least the selling club gets money to buy a new player.

SCHWAB: What about the ASF setting a transfer fee limit?

LABBOZZETTA: We tried that but who rules on the player's worth? How do you create the machinery?

SCHWAB: OK, then just set a ceiling — \$10,000 or \$20,000, say.

LABBOZZETTA: Then we'd be back to the situation where



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Clubs more important than 'Roos

the richest clubs would get all the players. If you have a range of transfer fees that even the poorest clubs can afford, the player will go to the club that offers him the most money.

SCHWAB: But the selling club would get a transfer fee. Enough of that. It was suggested last year that a New Zealand club — Mt. Wellington — might be permitted into the PSL. I remember Sir Arthur George putting forward the NZ possibility in a speech in Melbourne a few years ago. Is it feasible?

LABBOZZETTA: It all depends on costs. If people from NZ have the necessary cash, we'll have a look at it, but I think it is a bit too ambitious. In the future, perhaps. Probably it would depend on sponsorship, heavy sponsorship by some multinational company. But first we have to look at our own. We haven't got Tasmania or Western Australia in the Phillips League yet, and they would have to come first.

SCHWAB: Again, a matter of costs...

LABBOZZETTA: Instead of the present league system, we could have an eastern and a western league. West could be Western Australia, South Australia and perhaps Victoria and Tasmania. East would be Sydney, Wollongong, Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane. The winners of the top two from each group would play off for prizemoney in home and away legs for the national championship. You'd have players eight or ten teams in each group. Eventually, we have to avoid having too many teams in Sydney, or in Melbourne for that matter. We must aim at consolidating support, so that one day we'll be able to draw 20,000 or 30,000 to the big matches.

SCHWAB: The two leagues have been suggested often. Are they far in the future — five years, 10 years?

LABBOZZETTA: First we must stabilise the present competition, over a period of two or three years. Not until then should we change it.

SCHWAB: Then there's the dream of an Asian championship or Asian Cup, with the top Australian team playing the top teams from Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand, and so on.

LABBOZZETTA: Again, that's a possibility in the future.

SCHWAB: Do you think summer soccer really will be introduced? Will the whole idea be wiped after the heat wave in which the players had to perform two weeks ago?

LABBOZZETTA: As far as I'm concerned, summer soccer has been in doubt ever since it was suggested last year by the marketing people. There may be, as they claim, some merit in playing at night

where here, and definitely increased attendances.

SCHWAB: As you are enthusiastic about the idea, has Marconi considered bringing a guest player over this year?

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SCHWAB: I see young Dennis Colusso is in your senior squad now. Any chance of getting his brother Renato back from Italy?

LABBOZZETTA: As a matter of fact, I was talking to his parents just the other day. He's coming here for a short holiday in June, so I'll talk to him. I'd like nothing better to have him back in the club. Wouldn't it be great having the two brothers in the team together?

SCHWAB: How's he doing in Italy?

LABBOZZETTA: He's top scorer of Alessandria in the third division. Last year he was with Pisa in second division, or Serie B. Fiorentina was interested in him last year, but he got hurt and then the opportunity was gone.

SCHWAB: He played only about half a season in your senior team before he left, yet even at that time he represented Australia against China...

LABBOZZETTA: Yes. There was some disagreement between him and coach Rasic and so Renato took up an opportunity to go overseas.

SCHWAB: Could you match what he's earning in Italy?

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LABBOZZETTA: As a matter of fact, I was talking to his parents just the other day. He's coming here for a short holiday in June, so I'll talk to him. I'd like nothing better to have him back in the club. Wouldn't it be great having the two brothers in the team together?

SCHWAB: How's he doing in Italy?

LABBOZZETTA: He's top scorer of Alessandria in the third division. Last year he was with Pisa in second division, or Serie B. Fiorentina was interested in him last year, but he got hurt and then the opportunity was gone.

SCHWAB: He played only about half a season in your senior team before he left, yet even at that time he represented Australia against China...

LABBOZZETTA: Yes. There was some disagreement between him and coach Rasic and so Renato took up an opportunity to go overseas.

SCHWAB: Could you match what he's earning in Italy?

LABBOZZETTA: I guess he's making twice as much out of soccer there than he would in the Phillips League. We'll

Bern: The Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) has announced the selection of 16 players for the all-European soccer squad to play an earthquake benefit match against the Italian national team in Rome tonight (Wednesday).

UEFA said a further 12 players were unable to accept invitations because of injuries, other matches or military service.

The 16 selected players, with country of origin and the club for which they play, are: Luis Miguel Arconada (Spain-Real Sociedad), Jesus Maria Zamora (Spain-Real Sociedad), Ruud Krol (Holland-Naples), Zdenek Nehoda (Czechoslovakia-Dukla Prague), Harald Schumacher (West Germany-Cologne), Manfred Kautz (West Germany-Hamburg), Bruno Pozzev (Austria-Eintracht Frankfurt), Hans Mueller (West Germany-Stuttgart), Horst Hrubesch (West Germany-Hamburg), Rene Bortner (Switzerland-Colony), Ray Wilkins (England-Manchester United), Jose Antonio Camacho (Spain-Real Madrid), Nenad Stojkovic (Yugoslavia-Partizan Belgrade), Eric Gerets (Belgium-Standard Liege), Vaid Halldozic (Yugoslavia-Velez Mostar), Allan Simonsen (Denmark-Barcelona).

England has been invited to play Finland in Helsinki the week before the start of the 1982 World Cup to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Finnish F.A.

The tiny village soccer set-up in Emmeth in Norfolk has received a windfall of 27,500 pounds from the will of farmer Claude Coates.

Former England winger Sammy Crooks, who gained 26 caps from 1930 to 1937, has died at the age of 73. Crooks, one of 17 children, was 22 years with Derby County.

George Best, back in California with San Jose Earthquakes, has become a father. His wife Angie recently gave birth to a boy.

As I predicted Swansea bought centre back Ante Rajkovic from Sarajevo in Yugoslavia. The Yugoslav international cost John Toshack \$200,000.

Ted Croker the F.A. secretary and Graham Walker the Scottish F.A. secretary are flying to Madrid for a show-down on World Cup tickets. All four British associations are unhappy that the exclusive rights to the World Cup are being handled by Sportsman, a travel company in London, and could be on offer in complicated package deals instead of directly by the four F.A.s in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Liverpool still has not clinched the deal which could bring Vancouver Whitecaps keeper Bruce Grobbelaar to the Kop and has now turned its attention to Wimbledon's 19-year-old giant goalie Dave Beasant. But Manchester United also is reported to be keen on Beasant.

If there are any sensational transfers before the deadline next month could one involve David South African-born Australian Craig Johnston? Possibility exists and Liverpool is reported to have eyes on the former Lake Macquarie player whose midfield ability is sure to be recognised by Ron Greenwood soon. If Liverpool moves it could cost \$2 million unless it offers a player-plus-cash deal to Middlesbrough.

Ambitious non-league club Yeovil has Malcolm Allison as consultant and is angling after Nottingham Forest and England defender Larry Lloyd as player-manager.

Jimmy Greenhoff, whose long flirtation with Manchester United ended last December when he joined Fourth Division Crewe, is one the most promising players in North American League club Toronto Blizzard whose manager Keith Eddy played with England's B side in Australia a good many years ago.

Jack Mansell, the former Rotherham and Reading manager who is Israel's national coach, reckons he has a star in 19-year-old midfielder Moshe Sinai who has become a magnet for several talent hungry European sides.

Rudi Krol, the Dutch international sweeper whose transfer from Vancouver Whitecaps to Napoli is now permanent, claims the Italians don't train hard enough and pesters coach



Rudi Krol

teams finished up with nine-a-side.

How the mighty have fallen! Roger Osborne, the Ipswich town midfielder, whose goal gave the club in 1978 F.A. Cup Final win over Arsenal, is considering a move to nearby Third Division Colchester for a paltry \$40,000.

Gerd Weber, the East German Soccer star, is under arrest after trying to flee to the West. Weber, 24, one of the Republic's top stars, was seized by police at East Berlin airport after the national squad's tour of Argentina last month. It is believed he intended to defect to West Germany and had already made secret arrangements with West Germany's national team.

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Justin Fashanu, the Norwich City teenage striker, has slammed clubs who are trying to buy him on the cheap and says: "Pay up or shut up!" Despite having his name linked with half a dozen leading clubs it's thought a \$1 million offer from Leeds has been the only one tabled.

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TA NEA TON OMAON MAS ANO TO SHMEIO TOY NENANTY

Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ: Η μικρότερη ηλικία δό δοκίμασε η ομάδα του Πόρτ-Μέιμπορν στην νέα σειρά των φουτбольικών περιόδων από τους παλαιότερους της ποδοσφαιρικής.

Αρχιστο να γίνεται μια νεαρή ομάδα με νεότερους παίκτες — μας είχε δό πάντα φιλική τους γενικούς άρνηση η Παναθηναϊκή — και προσέβαλε η ομάδα μετά από το πρώτο παιχνίδι. Γίνεται από άρνηση, γιατί άρνηση παίκτες δό την τακτική ομάδα δεν ήταν συνεπείς δό ο έρωτας από παιχνίδια μας.

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Junior trials

Northern Regional trials for under-15s will be held on March 8 at B. T. Connor Reserve, Raddhurst Avenue, Reservoir, starting at 11 am.

Western Regional trials for under-13's will be held on Saturday, February 28 at Green Gully Reserve, St Albans Road, St Albans.

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE GIANTS

P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD, S.A., 5067
SECRETARY: C. Picarello (08) 223 0230 (Bus).
COACH: B. D'Ottavi
GROUND: Olympic Sportsfield, Kensington
 (08) 332 5614, 332 5618



COLOURS: Black, white
 This week's match: v **MARCONI LEOPARDS** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm

ADELAIDE HAWKS

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE, SA, 5001
SECRETARY: P. Stilianopolous (08) 352 1494
COACH: B. Birch
GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.
COLOURS: Blue white stripes, blue shorts
SPONSOR: Dominion Finance



This week's match: v **SYDNEY SLICKERS** at Barton Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

BLACKTOWN DEMONS

62 SEVEN HILLS ROAD NORTH, SEVEN HILLS 2147
 624 3344
SECRETARY: P. R. Thorne (624 3344)
COACH: R. Rasic
GROUND: Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills
COLOURS: White, red blk trim



Black, red white trim
 This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Sunday 3 pm

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

P.O. BOX 265 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001
 Ph: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale (07) 52 4711
COACH: G. Potter
GROUND: Spencer Park
SPONSOR: Stock 84 Brandy



This week's match: v **CANBERRA ARROWS** at Spencer Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm

BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310 DARRA, QLD, 4076
SECRETARY: L. Oudendyk
COACH: M. Carson
GROUND: Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richlands
 (07) 372 2989



COLOURS: Orange and blue
 This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT STRIKERS** at Lambert Park (Sunday) 3 pm

CANBERRA ARROWS

P.O. BOX 910 CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601 (062) 48 8215
SECRETARY: R. Preston 48 8215
COACH: G. Murray
GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce
SPONSOR: "Lotto"



COLOURS: White with multi colour stripes
 This week's match: v **BRISBANE GLADIATORS** at Spencer Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066
MANAGER: O. Norris 792 9348 (Bus)
 459 4652 (AH)
SECRETARY: S. Rombotis 428 3720



COACH: M. Polukakis
GROUND: Olympic Park (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blk and gold
 This week's match: v **SOUTH MELB GUNNERS** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182
SECRETARY: L. Tanovski, 470 4734

COACH: C. Cirkovic
GROUND: Schintler Reserve, Footscray Road, Footscray
COLOURS: Blue, white, red.



This week's match: v **WOLLONGONG WOLVES** at Wollongong Showgrounds (Wollongong) Sunday 3 pm

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

38-42 FRAZER ST, LEICHHARDT, 2040

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688
COACH: W. Wallace
GROUND: Lambert Park, 569 6845 (match day)
PROMOTION OFFICER: T. Raciti 82 0187
COLOURS: Maroon, sky blue



This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Lambert Park (Sunday) 3 pm

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

4 NORTHWOOD ST, ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley (049) 24 930 (Bus)
COACH: A. VEST
GROUND: International Sports Centre,
 Turton Rd, New Lambton (049) 52 1224



SPONSOR: Tooth & Co, Brewers of KB Beer
 This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN DEMONS** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Sunday 3 pm

MARCONI LEOPARDS

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, NSW 2176

SECRETARY: M. Urukalo (02) 604 5095
 604 5222
COACH: R. Blanco
GROUND: Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park
COLOURS: White & red, blue trim



SPONSOR: Datsun
 This week's match: v **ADELAIDE GIANTS** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm

PRESTON RAMS

211 SMITH ST, FITZROY, VIC 3065

SECRETARY: P. Mouka 651 2401
COACH: B. Edgley
GROUND: B. T. Connor Reserve,
 Cnr Radford Rd & Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir.

COLOURS: Red, black, gold
 This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIANS** at B. T. Connor Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

STH. MELBOURNE GUNNERS

P.O. BOX 64, ST KILDA WEST, Vic, 3182

HONORARY SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos,
 528 6196 (Bus) (Restaurant 634 4141)
COACH: J. Margaritis
GROUND: Middle Park Stadium, Middle Park
COLOURS: Blue and white.

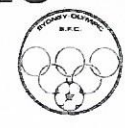


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SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

P.O. BOX 291 WATERLOO, N.S.W. 2017

SECRETARY: N. Smilis 88 1337
COACH: T. Docherty
GROUND: Pratten Park
COLOURS: Royal blue, white



This week's match: v **PRESTON RAMS** at B. T. Connor Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

SYDNEY SLICKERS

61 HALL ST, BONDI, N.S.W. 2026

SECRETARY: D. Childs (02) 30 3344 (Bus)
 (AH) 525 7734
COACH: E. Thomson
GROUND: Sydney Sports Ground
SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods



COLOURS: Sky blue, white hoops (White shorts) red socks
 This week's match: v **ADELAIDE HAWKS** at Barton Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

P.O. BOX 1706 WOLLONGONG

SECRETARY: R. Drake (042) 29 2018 (Bus)
COACH: K. Morton
GROUND: Wollongong Showgrounds
COLOURS: Red, white trim

This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY EAGLES** at Wollongong Showgrounds (Wollongong) Sunday 3 pm